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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

AUGUST 1995

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries. The publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, the committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number, together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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2. Removes the requirement that 70% of any savings from Medicaid funds be used to provide health and human services;
3. Makes technical changes to the bill; and
4. Adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 894 An Act to Provide Funding for Homeless Students ONTP

SPONSOR(S) BEGLEY	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill requires the State to provide funding for a homeless student's education costs and establishes the reimbursement rate as the tuition rate at the school as prorated by the amount of time in attendance for each student. This bill also directs the Department of Education to establish a nonlapsing, interest-earning revolving fund to finance homeless students' education costs. Funding must be accomplished by reducing the state share of the total allocation for operating costs statewide and increasing the local share of the total allocation for operating costs statewide by an amount equal to the cost of educating all Maine homeless students.

LD 896 Resolve, to Revise the Reporting Date of the Home School Study Committee RESOLVE 9

SPONSOR(S) SMALL	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED S-83
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SUMMARY

This resolve retroactively extends the reporting date of the Home School Study Committee to November 15, 1995.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-83) adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

LD 898 An Act to Amend the Procedures for Conducting a School District Referendum PUBLIC 168

SPONSOR(S) HANLEY	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill provides that when a school administrative district referendum vote is held in conjunction with a statewide primary election any registered voter may vote in the referendum election, not just those enrolled in a political party.

LD 902 An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Committee to Study Organizational and Tax Issues in Public Schools ONTP

SPONSOR(S) AMERO	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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