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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:

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

5581LHS

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL EH	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-400
	ONTP	MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill allows teachers to renew a professional certificate that has expired more than 5 years by completing 12 credits of approved study and meeting current entry level standards for that certificate.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-400) allows teachers with professional certificates that have lapsed more than 5 years or with provisional certificates issued prior to July 1, 1988 that have lapsed more than 5 years to be granted provisional teaching certificates provided they have recently completed 6 credit hours of approved study and have met entry level requirements. The bill requires teachers in these 2 categories to complete 12 credit hours of approved study.

The bill repeals the requirement that teachers granted provisional certificates work with a support system. The amendment retains that provision.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1041 **An Act to Reorganize the University of Maine into 2 Separate Systems** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
KEANE	ONTP		

SUMMARY

This bill reorganizes the University of Maine System into 2 separate systems and eliminates the chancellor's office.

LD 1117 **An Act to Improve the Education of Exceptional Children** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WINN	ONTP	MAJ	
	OTP	MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill requires testing and evaluation materials to be retained in an exceptional student's file for a minimum of 6 years and permits parents access to these records. The bill also permits parents to make tape recordings of meetings with school personnel and allows schools to provide case managers for exceptional students.

LD 1124 **An Act to Establish the Education Reform Act of 1995** CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL EH			