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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.

5581LHS

LD 1394 An Act to Extend the Life of Existing School Buildings

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
CHARTRAND

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes state funds to be used for major repairs to a school building when the repairs are part of a school administrative unit's capital improvement plan and the repairs will extend the life of the school building.

LD 1414 Resolve, To Permit Aides to Work under the Direct Supervision of Speech Therapists in Public Schools

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
WINN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Education to adopt rules providing for aides to work under the direct supervision of certified speech therapists in public schools.

LD 1421 An Act to Preserve Deteriorating and Irreplaceable Historic Battle Flags and Banners

P & S 43

SPONSOR(S)
FAIRCLOTH

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-381 HANLEY

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that many historic Maine battle flags, including several Civil War battle flags, are preserved and to prevent deterioration of several flags beyond repair.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-381) reduces the amount of General Fund appropriations provided for flag preservation from \$60,000 per year to \$5,000 per year.

LD 1422 An Act to Establish the Maine State Honors Marching Band

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
ESTY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Maine State Honors Marching Band.

LD 1424 An Act to Provide for the Dissolution of the Town of York School District

P & S 34

SPONSOR(S)
OTT

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-378 CAMERON

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the procedure for the dissolution of the Town of York School District, which is currently responsible for minor capital costs and ongoing maintenance of school property and facilities in the Town of York.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-378), presented on behalf of the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, corrects a technical error. The language being added to an existing Private and Special Law should appear underscored.

LD 1425 **Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Offer Evening and Interactive Television Courses for Students Pursuing a Masters Degree in Communication Disorders** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WINN	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to offer evening and interactive television courses to students pursuing a masters degree in communication disorders.

LD 1437 **An Act Concerning the Confidential Employees of the Maine Technical College System** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill establishes grievance procedures for unclassified employees of the Maine Technical College System who have complaints concerning the terms or conditions of their employment. Those procedures include an informal complaint by an employee to the employee's supervisor, a formal written complaint to the President of the Maine Technical College System, who appoints a mediator, and appeal by the grievant to a special 3-person appeals committee of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System if the complaint can not be resolved by mediation and the grievant is not satisfied with the mediator's decision. The bill establishes procedures for a formal hearing and final decision by the appeals committee.

LD 1442 **An Act to Require That Public Schools Permit Participation in School Activities and Classes by Students Who Are Receiving Home Instruction** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill establishes uniform standards for participation by students receiving home instruction in classes, activities and special education services and for the use of the books, equipment and facilities of the public schools those students would otherwise attend. The bill also establishes standards for readmission to and graduation from the high school a student receiving home instruction is entitled to attend.