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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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i>                | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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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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

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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

| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b> | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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.