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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

1. L.D. 1069, a bill submitted by the Department of Corrections (drafted by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG)), changes the Juvenile Code to facilitate the eventual removal of juveniles from county jails.

2. L.D. 1185, a bill submitted by the Department of Corrections, reflects the change from intake workers and juvenile probation officers to juvenile caseworkers.

3. L.D. 563, a bill submitted on behalf of the Department of the Attorney General, authorizes the Attorney General and his assistants to act as juvenile caseworkers in all juvenile cases, such as those involving homicide, investigated by the Attorney General.

4. A proposal from the Department of Human Services insures that the Maine Juvenile Code complies with the Federal Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980.

All of these proposals are incorporated here.

LD: 1074 AN ACT TO REDEFINE DEADLY FORCE

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ND of 206

HOUSE Indef. PP
SENATE Maj. Rep. (ONTP) Accepted
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SUMMARY:

Original bill (LD 206) sought to change the Maine Criminal Code's current definition of "deadly force" to mean only that physical force used by one person against another with the intent to kill. The current definition includes the use of physical force which the person knows creates a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury. This change in definition would have affected the justifications provided by the Criminal Code for persons to use deadly and nondeadly force in defending themselves, others, or property against perpetrators of crime. The new draft (LD 1074) sought to change the "deadly force" definition to include the use of physical force which the person knows creates a substantial risk of death or permanent, as distinguished from serious, bodily injury.