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BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-700 GWADOSKY  
S-322

SUMMARY

LD 1700 proposed to continue the STAR program with the following changes.

1. It allowed funds to be shifted among counties within a service delivery area to meet unanticipated needs.
2. It permitted a greater portion of STAR funds to be used for administrative expenses.
3. It clarified the eligibility of railroad employees for STAR training.
4. It required application for STAR training by the 6th week after receiving unemployment benefits rather than the 8th week under current law.
5. It eliminated the requirement of oral notice of the STAR program to unemployment claimants.
6. It expressly permitted the denial of STAR training to persons who faced "barriers to employment."
7. It replaced the STAR appeal procedure with the grievance procedure followed under the Job Training Partnership Act.
8. It added a carrying clause for unexpended STAR funds.

Committee Amendment "A" made the following changes.

1. It added an express goal of training workers in occupations in which they would earn, whenever possible, the same or greater wages than they had earned in their former jobs.
2. It retained the 8-week limit for application for STAR training.
3. It provided standards for the written notice provided to unemployment compensation claimants regarding the availability of STAR training.
4. It provided a grievance procedure based upon the standard job training program appeal procedure established by LD 1247.
5. It deleted the provision authorizing denial of services to persons who face barriers to employment.
6. It added a fiscal note.