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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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 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.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 1332 An Act to Enhance Social Services and Therapeutic Patient Activities in Nursing Homes

PUBLIC 327

SPONSOR(S)
BUSTIN

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-181

SUMMARY

This bill establishes nursing home minimum and maximum staffing standards for social services and patient activities.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-181) eliminates the maximum standards and revises the minimum standards to conform with existing rules. The amendment clarifies that a nursing home may transfer other approved nonnursing hours to social services or patient activities if the transfer does not increase the nursing home's per diem rate.

LD 1381 An Act to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance for Certain Elderly Persons

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
HANLEY
STEVENSON
HEINO
MCCORMICK

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill increases the minimum personal needs allowance for certain boarding home residents from \$30 to \$50 per month.

LD 1386 An Act to Authorize Involvement of the Department of Human Services in Providing School-based Child Care

PUBLIC 550

SPONSOR(S)
CLARK M
PARADIS J
NORTON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-251

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Department of Human Services to make grants to school administrative units to assist the units in providing school-based child care and allows grant money spent for this purpose to be considered an expenditure of local funds under the school funding formula.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-251) clarifies that assistance is not restricted to grants but may be made in other forms, such as child care vouchers. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.