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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1992

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

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, especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

confidentiality section that prohibits the Emergency Medical Services' Board from disclosing any information that could be used to identify a patient or a member of the patient's family.

House Amendment "A" (H-1038) corrects a term used in the committee amendment.

LD 1910 Resolve, to Establish the Alternative Living Community Program ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN	ONTP	
MCCORMICK		
GEAN		
MORRISON		

SUMMARY

This resolve was carried over from the First Regular Session. It establishes a pilot project that involves transferring responsibility for the alternative living program at the Augusta Mental Health Institute to a private provider and retraining state employees to provide a community-based perspective.

LD 1911 An Act Related to the Planning and Delivery of Mental Health Services (Reported Pursuant to PL 1989, chapter 501, Part BB, section 8) PUBLIC 781 EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
OTP-AM	MAJ	S-626 MAJ REP
ONTP	MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session. It implements the recommendations of the Systems Assessment Commission, including clarification of the role and responsibilities of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-626) replaces the original bill. It retains the part of the bill regarding a state mental health plan but amends that portion by deleting the creation of a planning commission and removing references to organizations that no longer exist. The amendment also retains from the bill studies regarding the mental health needs of Department of Corrections clients and higher education and training needs of the mental health system. Those studies are amended with new reporting dates.

The amendment adds Part C to the bill, which creates pilot regional authorities for mental health services in Region I and Region V. The amendment also adds Part D to the bill, which creates uniform regional boundaries for the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Department of Human Services, in accordance with recommendations of the Interdepartmental Council.