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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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BILL SUMMARIES**

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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

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

Senate amendment H (S-723) removed the provisions in the committee amendment that moved the child development services system and the Division of Alcohol and Drug Education Program from the Department of Education to the Department of Children and Families.

Senate amendment H also removed provisions in the committee amendment that established the Bureau for the Blind and Visually Impaired in the Department of Education. The amendment moved the entire Bureau of Rehabilitation, except the Division of Disability Determination Services, from the Department of Human services to the Department of Education. It also directed the Commissioner of Education to submit statutory and budgetary changes necessary for the transition to the 116th Legislature.

Senate amendment I (S-781) removed the appropriation for a legislative commission by providing that commission members serve without compensation and replaced the fiscal note.

LD 2390 An Act to Create an Independent Office of Advocacy for the Purpose of Administrative Efficiency (Reported Pursuant to Public Law 1991, chapter 129) ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have implemented the recommendations of a minority of the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring to create of an Office of Advocacy to provide common administrative support to 4 advocacy organizations.

This bill would have established the Office of Advocacy and the Advocacy Board to govern the office. The Advocacy Board would have been composed of the chairs and vice-chairs of the Maine Committee on Aging, the Maine Commission on Mental Health, the Maine Commission for Women and the State Planning and Advisory Council on Developmental Disabilities.

The bill would have re-established the Maine Committee on Aging, the Maine Commission on Mental Health and the Maine Commission for Women and reduced each organization's membership to 7.

The bill also would have provided an effective date for the establishment of the Office of Advocacy and the Advocacy Board.

**LD 2398 An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to be Rendered in Fiscal Year 1992-93 (Reported Pursuant to MRSA, Title 36, section 1604) P & S 91
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CASHMAN		H-1062 CASHMAN

SUMMARY

This bill established the net municipal cost component for unorganized territory services and reimbursements in fiscal year 1992-93.

House Amendment A (H-1062) made a technical correction and added a fiscal note to the bill. This bill was engrossed without reference.