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**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

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

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LD 314 **An Act Regarding Parental Resources in Medicaid Eligibility Determinations for Certain Children's Services** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) BUSTIN PARADIS J	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

Currently, parents whose children require high levels of care but whose incomes are too high to qualify for Medicaid must impoverish themselves to become eligible. This bill directs the Department of Human Services to seek an amendment to the state Medicaid plan to exclude parental resources and income when making Medicaid eligibility decisions for home-based and community-based services for children who, in the absence of home-based and community-based services, require institutional care. This provides an incentive to families to support their children at home, rather than placing them in institutional settings.

See also LD 346.

LD 319 **An Act to Foster Family Self-sufficiency** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) BRENNAN	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services for family self-sufficiency programs operated by public housing authorities.

LD 320 **An Act to Extend the Reporting Date of the Task Force on Mental Health Education and Licensure** PUBLIC 12
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) GEAN PARADIS J	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill extends the reporting deadline of the Task Force on Mental Health Education and Licensure from February 1, 1993 to May 1, 1993.

LD 329 **An Act Regarding Certain Property of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation** DIED BETWEEN
BODIES

SPONSOR(S) FITZPATRICK	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-389
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SUMMARY

This bill allows the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to sell or lease surplus property at the mental health facilities. The bill requires that all proceeds accrue to an interest-bearing fund to support services to people served by the Department, including planning and construction of mental health facilities and transition services.