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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 &amp; 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 576      Resolve, to Maximize the Availability of Federal Financing  
of Services for Families and Children**

**RESOLVE 40  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
TREAT PARADIS J DAGGETT	OTP-AM	H-188

**SUMMARY**

This resolve establishes the Federal Funds Advisory Committee, with staff to be provided by the Legislative Council, to review and make recommendations on how Maine can maximize federal funding for families with children.

Amendment H-188 changes the name of the Federal Funds Advisory Committee to the Federal Funds Task Force. The amendment also changes the membership of the task force to include only legislative members. The amendment also clarifies that the task force dissolves once its report has been submitted. The amendment also requires the Legislative Council to absorb the costs of the task force within existing resources, and adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

**LD 595      An Act Regarding Licensing Regulations  
for Boarding Care Facilities**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CONLEY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the licensing provisions for boarding care facilities to include a new category of community residences for persons with mental retardation. It requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules developed by the Bureau of Mental Retardation that reflect accepted standards of practice in the provision of services to individuals with mental retardation. It requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules written by the Bureau of Mental Retardation to govern licensure and reimbursement for these new facilities. The bill allows local fire officials to provide certification of compliance with fire safety codes, an activity currently served by only the State Fire Marshal.

The Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources has asked the Bureau of Mental Retardation and the Division of Residential Care to meet with the interested parties and submit findings to the Committee by January 15, 1994.

**LD 616      An Act Regarding the Future of the State's Mental  
Retardation Services System**

**P & S 41**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CARROLL CLEVELAND	OTP-AM	H-436

**SUMMARY**

Currently, Pineland Center provides residential and day services to approximately 200 people with mental retardation. This bill reestablishes Pineland Center as a facility for education, research and residential care. Pineland Center will become affiliated with universities, medical schools and research centers and will house full-time students as well as people with mental retardation or other mental