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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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

MAY 1994

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, 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

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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**LD 1715 Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Date of the Study to
Identify the Extent of Violence among Children**

**RESOLVE 44
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve extends the deadline by which the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health shall report its study to identify the extent of the problem of violence among children, teens and young adults in the State from November 1, 1993 to February 15, 1994.

**LD 1716 Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Deadline of the Health and
Social Services Transition Team**

**RESOLVE 45
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve extends the reporting deadline of the Health and Social Services Transition Team from January 1, 1994 to February 1, 1994.

**LD 1724 Resolve, to Promote Consumer Choice, Competition and
Quality in Mental Retardation Services**

RESOLVE 48

SPONSOR(S)
FITZPATRICK

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-724

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to implement a voucher system as the sole means to purchase community-based supportive services for persons with mental retardation and to submit a plan for implementing the voucher system to the Legislature. This resolve also directs the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to pursue federal waivers that would result in the elimination of all intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded-group beds and limit the number of intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded-nursing beds to 15 in favor of Medicaid-reimbursable supportive living arrangements.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT A (H-724) replaces the requirements in the original resolve that a voucher system be implemented, that intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation be phased out, and that rules be adopted with a requirement that the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation prepare a plan for improving the mental retardation service system. The plan must address, but is not limited to, service options that promote consumer choice and mobility, quality systems that measure consumer satisfaction, reimbursement mechanisms that provide predictability, and a guardianship system that avoids conflicts of interest. The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation is required to submit the plan to the Legislature by January 15, 1995. The Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources is given authority to report out a bill during the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature to authorize all or part of the plan. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1725 An Act to Ensure Accountability in Community Services for
People with Mental Retardation**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
TREAT

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED