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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees**  
**August 1999**

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

*CARRIED OVER*.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session  
*CON RES XXX*..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died  
*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....House & Senate disagree; bill died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died  
*EMERGENCY*..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days  
*ENACTMENT FAILED*..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died  
*INDEF PP*.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed  
*ONTP*..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted  
*OTP ND*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft  
*OTP ND/NT*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title  
*P&S XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law  
*PUBLIC XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve  
*UNSIGNED*.....Bill held by Governor  
*VETO SUSTAINED*.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

**LD 881**

**An Act to Require the Department of Human Services to Pay for Child Care for Children of Teen Parents Enrolled in High School**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TESSIER DAGGETT	ONTP	

LD 881 proposed to require the Department of Human Services to make available child care and child care subsidies for teenage parents who do not receive benefits under the temporary assistance for needy families program and who attend high school.

**LD 918**

**An Act to Mandate Abortion Reporting Standards**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLOWMAN BERUBE	ONTP	

LD 918 proposed to require the completion of abortion reports that are already required for the Department of Human Services and provide a forfeiture for failure to complete the forms.

**LD 956**

**Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers**

**RESOLVE 79**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAKER LAWRENCE	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-623 S-454 MICHAUD

LD 956 which was jointly referred to the Health and Human Services Committee (the lead committee) and the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee proposed to implement the following recommendations of the Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers. The resolve proposed to:

1. Direct the Department of Human Services to expand home visiting services to the parents of all newborn children in the State, if the parents desire the services, beginning January 1, 2000, until those children attain the age of five years.
2. Direct the Department of Education to include a course of study in parenting education in its development of curricula and include this course of study in the learning results assessment of students.

The resolve also proposed to change the name of the task force to the "Task Force on Early Care and Education." It proposed to direct the task force to monitor the development of the process that supports home visiting programs by the Department of Human Services and the development of a course of study in parenting education by the Department of Education and to further study the needs of and for family resource centers. The resolve proposed to add two more members who are Legislators to the task force and extend the life of the task force until January 15, 2001. See also LD 1315.