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Bill Summaries

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name 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).

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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i>	<i>Bills carried over to the 2nd Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP-ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

LD 1105

Resolve, Regarding Fire Safety Issues in Head Start Preschool Programs Located in Public Schools

RESOLVE 28

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLS P		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-254
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LD 1105 proposed to amend the definition of "child care center" to exclude a Head Start preschool program that is located in a public school. The bill also proposed to amend the law so that the fire safety rules that apply to preschool classrooms located in public schools also apply to Head Start preschool programs located in public schools.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-254) proposed to replace the bill with a resolve. The amendment proposed to require that the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education convene an advisory work group to examine fire safety issues in Head Start preschool programs that are located in public schools. The amendment proposed to require the advisory task force to make recommendations to the two departments by November 14, 2003, and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 30, 2004. The amendment proposed to add a fiscal note to the resolve.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2003, chapter 28 requires that the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education convene an advisory work group to examine fire safety issues in Head Start preschool programs that are located in public schools. The resolve requires the advisory task force to make recommendations to the two departments by November 14, 2003, and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 30, 2004.

LD 1108

Resolve, To Establish Equitable Rates for In-home Behavioral Health Services for Children

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUDLEY BRENNAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1108 proposed to require the Department of Human Services to amend its rules regarding MaineCare reimbursement rates for agencies that provide in-home behavioral health services for children. The resolve proposed to require the department to change the reimbursement rate from a fixed rate to a rate based on actual agency costs.