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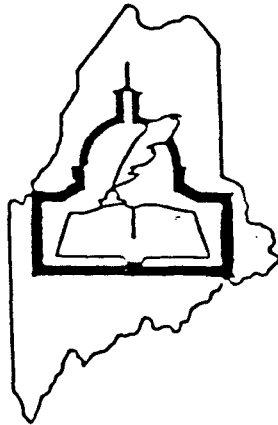
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HUMAN RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

The Committee amendment (H-205) replaced the original bill and title. The new title reads: "AN ACT Relating to the Interdepartmental Committee and Children's Residential Treatment Centers". It provided a statutory framework for the interdepartmental committee that has been coordinating the efforts of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services; the Department of Human Services; the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; and the Department of Corrections in contracting with children's residential treatment centers. The amendment also established statutory duties for that committee and created an advisory group to meet with the committee at least once every year. When the committee is operating in its capacity under this law it shall be designated as the Children's Residential Treatment Committee. That designation will distinguish this committee from any other interdepartmental efforts in other subject areas.

LD:	659	AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE PROCEDURES OF THE MAINE HEALTH CARE FINANCE COMMISSION	NELSON BUSTIN BRODEUR MANNING PUBLIC CH # 109
OTP		HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV SIGNED	

SUMMARY:

This law ensures that the formal proceedings under the Administrative Procedures Act will not be necessary for the less formal proceedings of the Health Care Finance Commission. It retains the existing ability of the commission to extend its consideration of challenges to proposed revenue limits beyond the beginning of a payment year, provided that a provisional revenue limit is established pending a final decision. This ability to extend cases allows the commission to respond to the needs of hospitals and payors for adequate time to present their positions. This extension ability was limited to the 1st payment year for hospitals. This law also increases the maximum extension from 90 to 150 days.

To assure that there is no gap between the extension authority under existing law for first-year revenue limits and the new provision allowing extensions for subsequent years a transition provision was also enacted.