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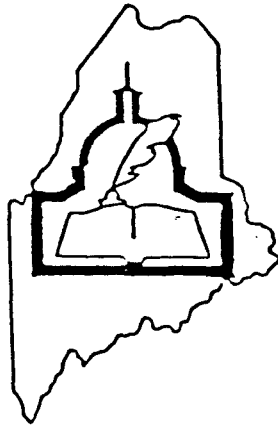
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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.

LD: 732 AN ACT TO ASSURE ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR
CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

CLARK N
CROUSE
GILL
MATTHEWS K

ND: 1369

OTP-ND HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
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SUMMARY:

This bill adds children with learning disabilities to people eligible for direct assistance from the Protection and Advocacy Agency for the Developmentally Disabled. Currently, unless a child is severely learning disabled, he is only eligible for information and referral services.

The new draft (LD 1369) added a definition of learning disability and conformed the rest of the law concerning developmentally disabled advocacy with the language and intent of the original bill.

LD: 784 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE EARLY IDENTIFICATION
AND TREATMENT OF IMPAIRED PHYSICIANS

CHALMERS
MELENDY
GILL
BUSTIN

ND: 1435

OTP-ND HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
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SUMMARY:

The original bill was proposed to encourage early identification and treatment of physicians impaired by addiction to drugs or alcohol, or by physical or mental infirmity. It provided statutory protection to members of the public and professional colleagues who report disabled or impaired physicians to a committee organized for the express purpose of dealing with those physicians. The bill also authorized the Board of Registration in Medicine to develop appropriate protocols for the committee, including periodic reports to the board without personal identifying information. Records of the committee are confidential.

The bill also provided an exemption from reporting an impaired physician to the Board of Registration in Medicine, as required by the Maine Health Security Act, if such physician is reported to the impaired physician committee, or if the relevant information is obtained through a physician's work on that committee. The impaired physician committee would be required to report the impaired physician to the board in some instances, such instances to be identified in the board's protocols.