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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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 Senate amendment (S-276) added 2 words inadvertently omitted from the committee amendment. It ensured that the notice provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1832 is "written" and that members of the governing authority are not "personally" liable for monetary award of damages in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, section 168.

LD: 1337
EMERGENCY RESOLVE, RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF
AN INTERAGENCY PLAN TO ADDRESS THE IDENTIFIED
GAPS IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES (REPORTED PURSUANT TO RESOLVE,

OTP HOUSE Emer. Finally Passed RESOLVE
SENATE Emer. Finally Passed CH # 27
GOV EMER SIGNED

H-135 HA NELSON H S

SUMMARY:

This resolve, along with LD 1338 thru LD 1342, resulted from the so-called Concannon Commission, the Commission to Examine the Availability, Quality, and Delivery of Services Provided to Children with Special Needs. This resolve mandates the Departments of Corrections, Educational and Cultural Services, Human Services, and Mental Health and Mental Retardation identify gaps in mental health services for their respective clients and to submit an interagency plan for addressing those gaps to the Human Resources and Judiciary Committees no later than January 15, 1986.

As originally written, the resolve would have focused primarily on the role the Augusta Mental Health Institute would have in a network of mental health services. The house amendment (H-135) broadened that focus to all inpatient mental health facilities, public and private.

LD: 1338 RESOLVE, RELATING TO IMPROVED DELIVERY OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES TO JUVENILE JUSTICE CLIENTS (REPORTED
PURSUANT TO A RESOLVE CHAPTER 47 OF 1983)

OTP HOUSE Emer. Finally Passed RESOLVE
SENATE Emer. Finally Passed CH # 28
GOV EMER SIGNED

SUMMARY:

This resolve was a result of the Concannon Commission (see LD 1337-LD 1342). It requires that pertinent diagnostic, medical, psychological and educational information be included in the records of adjudicated juveniles for consideration in placement decisions. It also requires the Departments of Corrections, Educational and Cultural Services, Human Services, and Mental Health and Mental Retardation, in conjunction with the Chief Justice of the District Court, to develop working agreements and protocols for assuring the appropriate flow of this information to judges for dispositional hearings of juveniles.