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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

LD:

1350

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CLIENTS  
ASSIGNED TO HUMAN SERVICES CASEWORKERS

NELSON  
BRODEUR

ONTP

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill proposed to limit the number of clients assigned to a Human Services' caseworker (25 for protective services and 30 for substitute care). This bill also requires the department to report to the Governor and Legislature any overload which has existed for at least 2 months and to indicate any vacant caseworker positions in the region experiencing the overload.

The bill was withdrawn in view of the Audit Committee study.

LD:

1366

AN ACT TO IMPROVE DELIVERY OF CHILD  
PROTECTIVE SERVICES

BUSTIN  
CHALMERS  
ROLDE

LV-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill sought to establish a limit for Human Services' caseworkers of 25 cases.

The bill also would have established a network of state operated emergency shelters for children at risk within each region to enable maintenance of local support services for these children. The bill was withdrawn in view of the Audit Committee study.

The concern for emergency shelters was addressed by the committee amendment (H-216) to LD 1342.

LD:

1369

AN ACT TO ASSURE ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR  
CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

CLARK N  
CROUSE  
GILL  
MATTHEWS K  
PUBLIC  
CH # 159

HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

The original bill (LD 732) added 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.