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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: 1407 AN ACT RELATING TO THE AVAILABILITY OF  
PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

GILL  
KIMBALL  
CARROLL

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have allowed the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to contract with selected individuals and professional corporations of psychologists or psychiatrists for mental health services.

LD: 1415 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
STATEWIDE STANDARDS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION  
AND MANAGEMENT OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

ROLDE  
BELL  
KIMBALL

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV Signed

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H-390	CA		H	S
H-397	CA	NELSON	H	S
S-358	CA	PEARSON	H	S

SUMMARY:

The original bill sought to fund the establishment of hospital based Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Committees monitoring specialized family support teams within the State's 5 major medical centers. The family support team evaluates children who are victims of physical abuse, failure to thrive or neglect, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, substance abuse, chemically related or caused abuse. The evaluations result in a family diagnosis and recommendations for treatment and follow-up. Child protective services workers within the Department of Human Services would be part of the team but must comply with the recommendations of the team.

The committee amendment (H-390) clarified the functions and procedures of the hospital based child abuse and neglect committees. It provides money for the department to fund team managers for the committee. It requires DHS staff to work with the team and "sign" the case plan.

The House amendment (H-397) made it clear that the hospital will hire the team manager.

The Senate amendment (S-358) removed the appropriation section as funding for this Act was included in the Part II Budget.