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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: 1422 RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING CONTINUED STUDY OF BUSTIN
EMERGENCY INFORMATION PROCESSING IN SOCIAL SERVICE MELENDY
AGENCIES

OTP-AM HOUSE Emer. Finally Passed
SENATE Emer. Finally Passed
GOV Held to Next Session
S-273 CA H S

SUMMARY:

This resolve continued the effort begun in the 111th Legislature to coordinate and streamline the information processing systems in the State's social service agencies in order to improve the efficiency and the quality of service to the clients of these agencies by creating a Joint Select Committee with public and legislative membership.

The committee amendment (S-273) replaced the entire resolve. Instead of establishing a joint select committee to study interagency information processing, the amendment:

1. Continued the Maine Income Supplementation and Social Service Information Systems;
2. Directed several state agencies and departments to continue efforts at streamlining computer based information processing;
3. Provided that the Director of Central Computer Services must authorize the expenditure for operation or acquisition of computer information systems by certain state agencies to insure compatibility and appropriate quality in those systems; and
4. Required reports to the Governor and the Legislature on the progress in December 1985 and December 1986.

LD: 1423 RESOLVE, CREATING A COMMISSION TO STUDY TUTTLE
NURSING HOME COST CONTAINMENT IN THE STATE BERUBE

OTP-AM HOUSE Emer. Finally Passed RESOLVE
SENATE Emer. Finally Passed CH #47
GOV Emer. Signed
S-169 CA H S

SUMMARY:

The original resolve created a commission to study the current system of cost containment in nursing homes. The committee amendment (S-169) replaced the entire resolve and the title. The new title is "Resolve, to Assess the Current and Projected Needs of Maine Citizens for Additional Nursing Care Services." The resolve established a Joint Select Committee on Nursing Care Needs to study the current and projected needs of Maine citizens for additional nursing

care services and to determine methods for fair reimbursement for these services. The Committee was authorized funding for 4 meetings and is to report to the next Special or Regular Session of the 112th Legislature occurring after September 21, 1985.

LD: 1424 AN ACT TO PREVENT THE HOSPITAL COST CONTAINMENT LAW FROM SUBSTITUTING FOR THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS BUSTIN

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 278
GOV SIGNED

S-156 CA H S

SUMMARY:

This bill sought to make it clear that the health care cost containment legislation was not intended to substitute for the collective bargaining process and prevent hospitals from using the cost containment law as a specific limit on salary adjustments.

The committee amendment (S-156) replaced the language in the original bill and made it clear that the final authority to determine how much will be spent for goods and services rests with those who govern and manage hospitals, but that their decisions will not cause the amounts they are to be paid to increase or decrease, except as required by the law or the Health Care Finance Commission's rules.

LD: 1431 AN ACT RELATING TO REMOVAL OF CHILDREN FROM CERTAIN FOSTER HOMES ROLDE

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

SUMMARY:

This bill sought to require that where a child has resided in a foster home for at least one year, he cannot be removed from that home and placed elsewhere until the placement is reviewed by a court and approved as being in the best interests of the child. LD 1253 addressed this issue.