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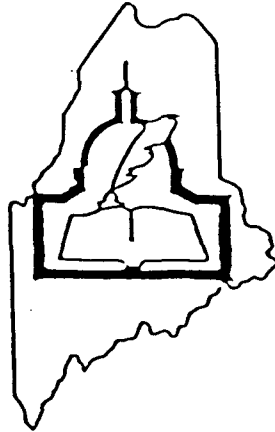
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

|           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| OTP       | Ought to Pass                         |
| OTP-ND    | Ought to Pass in New Draft            |
| OTP-ND-NT | Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title |
| OTP-AM    | Ought to Pass as Amended              |
| ONTP      | Ought Not to Pass                     |
| LVWD      | Leave to Withdraw                     |
| INDEF PP  | Indefinitely Postponed                |

The bill was withdrawn because the City of Bangor was negotiating the transfer of city owned property to Hope House, Inc.

LD 1958 AN ACT TO PLACE THE STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION AND THE DIRECTOR OF STATE LOTTERIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION LVWD

Sponsor: MURPHY, T., Whitcomb, Perkins  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 1958 proposed to place the State Lottery Commission and the Director of State Lotteries within the Department of Administration. Since this proposal was also part of the Governor's bill, LD 2106, to reorganize the Department of Finance and Administration into the Department of Finance and the Department of Administration, LD 1958 was given a "leave-to-withdraw".

LD 1989 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE PERSONNEL LAW LVWD

Sponsor: GWADOSKY, Andrews, Lacroix, Nadeau, G.R.  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 1989 proposed to make technical changes in the Personnel Law with needed chapter reference changes and several major substantive changes in personnel law. The substantive changes include:

A. Removal of the PUC Administrative Director, Staff Attorney, Financial analyst, and Chief Utility Accountant positions as unclassified positions which were made unclassified positions by the 112th Legislature in the First Regular Session;

B. authorization for teachers and administrators in state institutions, vocational technical institutes, and in the unorganized territory school systems who occupy unclassified positions to compete for classified positions in state government with the same status as classified employees;

C. authorization for persons in major policy influencing positions (deputy commissioners, bureau directors, assistants to commissioners, etc.) to compete for classified positions in state government with the same status as classified state employees.

The bill was withdrawn because the proposed substantive changes raised a number of constitutional and policy questions. In addition, the necessary non-substantive changes proposed in the bill would be incorporated in another bill that proposed substantial reform of the personnel system.

LD 2000 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN OPERATING COSTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

ND LD 2211

Sponsor: DIAMOND, J., Murray Cote, Swazey, M.  
Committee Report: OPT-ND

SUMMARY: LD 2000 proposed to provide an exemption to the statutory conditions governing the use of the Maine Children's Trust Fund which prohibits the expenditure of any part of the first \$100,000 of income to the fund. The bill proposed to allow the Board of the Maine Children's Trust Fund to immediately employ a part-time executive-secretary and clerical assistant for this current fiscal year (1985-86). This action required the expenditure of \$35,625 over the 1985-87 biennium to be funded with a portion of the intitial \$100,000 of trust fund income.

Background.

The 112th Legislature enacted the Maine Children's Trust Fund into law in 1985. According to the new law, beginning in 1986, taxpayers, may donate part or all of their state income tax refund to the Maine Children's Trust Fund.

The Trust Fund is administered by a 9 member board composed exclusively of public members representing different organizations and groups.

The monies from the refund contributions will be expended on programs designed to prevent abuse, neglect, and mental illness among children. The program to be funded by the tax refund contributions are designated primarily as local prevention programs to avoid duplication with other state funded programs.

The Trust Fund provisions contain several restrictions including a \$4,000,000 cap. The Board may expend one-half of the amount of income to the fund which exceeds \$100,000 but which does not exceed \$500,000. When the fund reaches \$4,000,000 the board may expend the interest credited to the Fund.