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

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP ,	Indefinitely Postponed

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR STAFF OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

Sponsor: BUSTIN, Carroll, Boutilier, Gill Committee Report: New Draft of LD 313 Amendments Adopted: H-172 MANNING

SUMMARY: The new draft established a statewide annual training program for staff in long-term care facilities and required reimbursement, to the extent that resources are available, as a part of the principles of reimbursement. House amendment H-172 provided an allocation of federal resources available to reimburse long-term care facilities for staff training.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE LAWS 1705 (PURSUANT TO A STUDY COMMISSION)

CARRY-OVER

Sponsor: MANNING

Committee Report: CARRY-OVER

SUMMARY: This bill represents the legislation proposed by the Majority Report of the Special Select Commission on the Administration and Financing of General Assistance.

PART A establishes a comprehensive information and referral service for social services.

Part B Expands the Welfare, Employment, Education and Training Program (WEET) to increase the job training assistance to AFDC recipients.

Part C amends the residency requirements in regard to determining which municipality is responsible for General Assistance applicants. In the past there has been some confusion among municipalities regarding residency and assistance to relocate as relates to the General Assistance program. This part amends that law (1) to clarify the existing language wherever possible without changing the meaning and (2) to provide a procedure to resolve disputes between municipalities concerning which municipality is responsible.

Part D prohibits hospital expenses from being billed to a municipality's General Assistance program.

Part E prohibits general assistance disbursements in the form of cash. This recommendation of the Commission was not a unanimous recommendation of the majority report.