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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES AUGUST 1989

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. The summaries are arranged by LD number for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

| OTP | Ought to Pass |
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| 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 |

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

- 7. Clarifies what constitutes escape from a work assignment.
- 8. Makes it clear that a dependent child of a female committed offender receives the same protection as a dependent child of a male committed offender.
- 9. Corrects a misconception in the classification process.
- 10. Adds language to make it clear that those officers who perform intensive supervision program functions have the same authority as other probation and parole division officers.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-50) clarifies the language relating to receipt of U.S. prisoners or adjudicated juveniles for confinement in a state correctional facility. The amendment also allows staff persons who have received in-service training from a licensed health professional to visit confined prisoners in lieu of a physician or medical staff member.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-55) corrects a technical omission.

| LD 308 | LD 308 An Act to Provide for the State Administration and Operation of the Androscoggin County Jail | | | | |
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| <u>SPONSOR (S)</u> BERUBE | | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> LV/WD | AMENDMENTS_ADOPTED | | |

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SUMMARY

This bill would have given administrative and operational control of the Androscoggin County Jail to the Department of Corrections. The State would have been required to assume all costs of that administration and operation. The bill was withdrawn given the committee's support of LD 1189, An Act to Transfer Jurisdiction over County Jails from County Government to the Department of Corrections.

LD 501 An Act to Encourage Development and Use of Community CARRY OVER Corrections Programs

| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
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| CONLEY | OTP-AM | H-207 |
| OLIVER | | |

SUMMARY

This bill amends the existing correctional program improvement fund to include funding for private provider programs that target offenders who would otherwise be incarcerated but who pose no threat to the safety of the community.

Committee Amendment "A" replaces the bill with language establishing a pilot community sentencing options unit within the Division of Probation and Parole. Officers working within the unit will include recommendations to judges for community sentencing options within presentence investigation reports for all felony offenders. The amendment also provides funds for expanded community-based services for adult committed offenders.

The committee has carried over the bill.

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