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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
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.

LD 397 **An Act to Reestablish the Requirement that Couples Receive a Blood Test before Obtaining a Marriage License** LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MCCORMICK WENTWORTH PERKINS BOUTILIER	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required persons to obtain a blood test before a marriage license could be granted.

LD 413 **An Act to Regulate Maternal Serum Alpha-fetoprotein Screening Programs** PUBLIC 72

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PENDLETON GILL BERUBE BURKE	OTP	

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules governing standards of performance for maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein testing for all medical laboratories, including those otherwise exempt from licensing.

LD 415 **An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act and the Law Governing Shelters for Children** PUBLIC 270

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PINES WEBSTER C BRANNIGAN ANTHONY	OTP-AM	H-201 H-322 MANNING

SUMMARY

This bill makes several miscellaneous changes in the child abuse and protection laws.

It extends the provision permitting the court in a child protection proceeding to order the physical or mental exam to include alleged parents, and any other party seeking custody of the child. It also eliminates the requirement that the court find, by clear and convincing evidence, that the exam is necessary to obtain information that cannot be obtained by other means and makes the procedure subject to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

It authorizes the disclosure to a person making a report of suspected child abuse or neglect that an investigation has not been accepted for investigation.

It extends the mandatory reporting law to include court appointed special advocates and guardians ad litem.

It permits DHS to conduct one initial interview with a child without prior notification to the parent or custodian when the child contacts the Department or when a person providing services to the child "puts the child into contact with the department."

It authorizes the department to provide short-term emergency services to children taken into interim care by a law enforcement officer.

It provides that parental notification by shelters for homeless children shall be governed by DHS rules for the licensure of shelters for homeless children with a one year sunset.

It requires the Probate Court as well as the Superior Court to transfer child protection proceedings to the District Court.

It removes the requirement of notice by publication of a preliminary protection order when the whereabouts of a party are unknown.

It requires a court review of a final protection order within 18 months of the initial order rather than 18 months of the final order.

LD 418 An Act to Amend Laws Related to the Bureau of Mental Retardation's Role in In-state Residential Treatment Centers

PUBLIC 41

SPONSOR(S)
GILL
CARTER
BERUBE
PINES

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-22 GAUVREAU

SUMMARY

This bill removes references to the Bureau of Mental Retardation from the law relating to payment of mental health treatment and board and care costs by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to more accurately reflect actual procedures for payment for state agency clients.

LD 443 An Act to Change the Name of the Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded and to Update the Definition of Mental Retardation

PUBLIC 73

SPONSOR(S)
PERKINS
TITCOMB
BURKE
HEPBURN

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-33

SUMMARY

The bill changes the name of the Maine Committee on the Problems of the Mentally Retarded to the Maine Advisory Commission on Mental Retardation and changes the definition of mental retardation to reflect current standards.