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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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.

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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**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GILL	OTP	S-22 GAUVREAU
CARTER		
BERUBE		
PINES		

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**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PERKINS	OTP-AM	S-33
TITCOMB		
BURKE		
HEPBURN		

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.