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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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majority of a quorum of board members could not authorize a board action unless the specific law governing the board gives that authority to a board quorum.

The bill had far reaching implications that may have encouraged the sponsor to withdraw the bill before it was heard. The bill applied to all political subdivisions of the State. It also raised a number of substantive questions that could not be readily answered.

**LD 777 An Act to Restrict Post-legislative Activity**

**LV/WD**

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 777 proposed to prohibit former legislators from serving as a lobbyist for 1 year following termination of the Legislator's term of office.

This provision of this bill was incorporated in a committee bill on governmental ethics.

**LD 800 An Act to Reorganize the Duties of the Board of the Maine Children's Trust Fund**

**ONTP-MAJ REP  
ACCEPTED**

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 800 proposed to reduce the powers and duties of the Board of the Maine Children's Trust Fund and to provide staff assistance from the Department of Human Services to the board. Specifically, the bill repealed:

- A. The planning activities of the board;
- B. The information coordination and exchange function of the board;
- C. The statewide education program of the board;
- D. The authority of the board to employ an executive director and staff.

The board would reimburse the DHS up to \$20,000 per year.

While there was concern about the high administrative costs of the fund, the board's declining contributions to the fund, falling revenues, (check off revenues on the decline) and limited amounts of grants, there was no consensus with respect to resolving the problem. A minority of the Committee proposed that a ceiling of 15% of total revenues be placed on administrative costs. In addition, this proposal included a provision that the board actively pursue contributions from the public and private sectors.