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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
FOSS	ONTP MAJ	
GILL	OTP MIN	
JACKSON		
PENDLETON		

SUMMARY

LD 832 proposed to create an Office of Children within the Executive Department. The office would develop a master plan by which a comprehensive, integrated statewide children's and youth services delivery system could be developed. In addition, the office would serve as a central clearinghouse of information and referral sources with respect to children's and youth services and programs.

A Coordinating Council on Children consisting of the Commissioner of Corrections; the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services; Commissioner of Human Services; and Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation would work with the office to coordinate children's and youth services. In addition, the coordinating council would assist in the development of the master plan.

The Advisory Committee on Children, composed of 2 Senators, 2 Representatives and 7 persons who work with children and youth in different capacities would also assist the director of the office in the development of the master plan. The advisory committee would provide advice to the office director and could present proposals for consideration by the director and the coordinating council.

LD 847 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Preservation of Volunteer Ambulance Crews and Volunteer Fire Departments

INDEF PP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	H-299
CARROLL D		
GREENLAW		
GAUVREAU		

SUMMARY

LD 847 proposed that a 12 member commission study the impact of state mandated training requirements on volunteer fire departments and ambulance crews. The commission would report its findings and recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

The Committee amended the bill and included an emergency preamble and emergency clause, broadened the scope of the study, and required the commission to consult with the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards, Division of Safety in conducting the study. The Amendment requires the commission to consider recruitment and retention of volunteers, the type of training necessary, adequate protective gear, alternatives to current processes, the liability of chief officers, and capital investments required.