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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

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-310

SUMMARY

The original bill would require the State to assume the financial responsibility for minors in need of welfare services by assessing their needs and providing necessary services and direction. It would require municipalities to refer children to the Department of Human Services. The department would assign a caseworker to the child who would be responsible for coordinating ongoing necessary services for the child. If the department is unable to provide temporary food, shelter or other basic necessities in a timely manner, it would refer the child to the appropriate general assistance administrator for temporary assistance, but the State would reimburse municipalities for 100% of the cost.

The Committee Amendment (H-310) provides that a municipality may apply to the Department of Human Services, when an unaccompanied minor has been found eligible for general assistance, for a determination by the Department of what services may be available for the minor. The municipality would be reimbursed by the State for 100% of the assistance provided by the municipality to the minor.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-63

SUMMARY

The original bill changes the current statute relating to the Region II Crisis Intervention Program Advisory Board to allow representation from Eastern Maine Medical Center, which is the general hospital with the largest community inpatient mental health program in the region.

Committee amendment "A" (S-63) removes the language designating Eastern Maine Medical Center's participation on the Board, and replaces it with language which does not specify a particular hospital's participation, but ensures participation by a psychiatrist. The amendment also adds a sunset provision of October 1, 1991.