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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

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.

The bill also provides that a lottery player's sole remedy in a dispute with the commission regarding whether that player had or should have had a winning ticket is refund of the ticket price.

LD 1142 An Act Concerning Law Enforcement Training

PUBLIC 521

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-286
S-421 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill makes a number of changes in the training required of law enforcement officers.

The bill standardizes the core curriculum for preservice training of state, county and municipal law enforcement officers under the guidance of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy (MCJA). The bill also mandates in-service training for law enforcement officers and corrections officers. The bill revises the definitions of "law enforcement officer" and "corrections officer" in addition to redefining "full-time" status in terms of annual work hours rather than income earned. The bill requires all full-time law enforcement officers subject to its provisions to comply with core curriculum training requirements.

The bill exempts certain state agency employees from the bill's training requirements and exempts law enforcement officers on the job on July 1, 1990, from the bill's preservice training requirements. Exempt state agency employees must complete appropriate training supplied by their employer.

The bill expands the role of the board of trustees of the MCJA to cover all law enforcement officers. The board is also required to develop certification standards to allow officers to demonstrate acquisition of knowledge and skills directly related to successful job performance. The bill requires the MCJA to report annually to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal Affairs on training standards, courses, availability of training and other pertinent issues.

The bill expands from 3 to 5 years the reimbursement period for agencies who hire an officer, whose training was paid for by another agency, trained after September 1, 1989.

Committee Amendment "A" makes several changes to clarify the bill's scope. The amendment defines "full-time" law enforcement and corrections officers as those who earn \$10,000 or more in a year. The amendment includes probation and intensive supervision officers in the definition of "law enforcement officer". The amendment provides that a law enforcement officer employed by a state agency, including the University of Maine System, and in compliance with established training requirements on July 1, 1990, is not subject to the new mandatory training requirements.

The amendment makes other technical corrections and includes an appropriation section and fiscal note.