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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:

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| 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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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would extend transitional medical benefits under the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education program beyond June 30, 1989 and provide for compliance with federal law taking effect April 1, 1990. This bill was incorporated at the Committee level into LD 1071. See also LD 1494.

LD 1386 An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies Regarding Reporting Requirements in the General Assistance Laws

INDEF PP
EMERGENCY

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-351

SUMMARY

This bill would expand the Department of Human Services' responsibility to review all general assistance ordinances by requiring the department to notify the municipality if an ordinance complies with the law. If the department fails to notify the municipality in writing within 60 days of receiving the ordinance, the ordinance will be considered in compliance with the law for purposes of State reimbursement. The bill would correct an error by clarifying that the threshold level for State reimbursement at 90% is .0003 of the municipality's 1981 valuation. It also requires the department to notify each municipality of reimbursement provisions annually, requires municipalities to choose when they will file their expenditure statements and makes changes in municipal reporting requirements.

LD 1410 An Act to Increase the Authority of the Department of Human Services to Assess the Medical and Active Treatment Needs of Individuals Applying for Admission to Nursing Homes

PUBLIC 498

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COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-461
S-301 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill enables the Department of Human Services to work with health care providers and community agencies to determine the medical eligibility of nursing home applicants who will be financially eligible for medical assistance within 180 days of admission to a facility. This bill ensures that applicants are assessed to determine their need for intermediate or skilled care and that they are then referred to an appropriate level of care, either at home or in a facility.

The bill also enables the department to comply with the requirements of the Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987, Public Law 100-203, Section 4211 requiring screening for mental retardation and mental illness.

