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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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD 1468 An Act to Prohibit the Irradiation Within the State of Food for Human or Animal Consumption

PUBLIC 376

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

TITCOMB

OTP

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the irradiation of food for human or animal consumption except as part of a research project at a college, university or research institution.

LD 1483 An Act to Make General Assistance More Available to Homeless

PUBLIC 322

People and Clarify the Definition of Need

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-352

CLARK M OTP-AM

MANNING

ANDREWS

SUMMARY

This bill amends the municipal general assistance law to include nonprescription drugs in the definition of basic necessities and homelessness in the definition of emergency. The bill permits municipalities to presume that persons served by emergency shelters are eligible for general assistance.

LD 1494

An Act to Extend Medical Assistance under and Clarify Certain Provisions of the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

CLARK M

M LV/WD

GAUVREAU

MARTIN J

MCGOWAN

SUMMARY

This bill makes certain changes in the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program (ASPIRE).

The bill provides that teenage parents may be required to register in the Family Services Program, designed to encourage the completion of education and to enhance self-sufficiency. It requires that each person participating in the Family Services Program have a case manager. It further specifies that a portion of the total ASPIRE program funds be allocated to the Family Services Program, and requires additional information in the joint report submitted by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Labor to the Legislature due on February 14, 1990.

The bill also requires that all ASPIRE participants who lose their Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits as a result of finding work through the program receive written notice of their eligibility for extended medical assistance and an opportunity for hearing before their medical benefits under the ASPIRE program are terminated.

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The bill makes changes in transitional medical assistance to comply with federal changes taking effect April 1, 1990.

The bill also makes changes to improve notification of benefits, specifies how program funds for supportive services shall be allocated and requires additional information in the departments' report to the Legislature due on February 14, 1990.

This bill was incorporated into LD 1071. See also LD 1385.

LD 1504 An Act to Continue Habilitation and Vocational Rehabilitation Services to Eligible Clients

PUBLIC 328 **EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MANNING

OTP-AM

H = 350

SUMMARY

This bill permits clients who have been served by the habilitation and vocational rehabilitation programs through the Bureau of Mental Retardation to continue to receive services after their 26th birthday.

LD 1509 An Act to Provide Flexibility in the Laws on Residential Placement of Young Adults

PUBLIC 355

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

FARNSWORTH

OTP-AM

H-392

CLARK M

BRANNIGAN

BURKE

The purpose of this bill is to allow greater flexibility in residential placement of individuals who are near the age of 18. Under this bill, the Department of Human Services may allow persons who reach the age of 18 to remain in a children's home or allow a person 17 years of age to be placed in an adult care home without requiring licensure at an additional level.

LD 1538 An Act to Impose a 90-day Residency Requirement for Receipt LV/WD

of General Assistance

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SHELTRA

LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill would require that municipalities impose a 90-day residency requirement for receipt of general assistance benefits except in cases of emergency.