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ON
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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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.

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)

MANNING

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-392

SUMMARY

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
of General Assistance**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

SHELTRA

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

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