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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:

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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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place, to report on progress toward compliance with the standards, to review the needs of all residents who have lived at a state institution for more than 60 days and to conduct an annual review of unmet patient needs. The bill funds staff and facility improvements at the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute.

This bill was carried over.

LD 1657 **An Act to Establish a Program of Health, Education and Treatment for Persons Convicted of Drug and Sex-related Offenses** **LV/WD**

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| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
| RYDELL | LV/WD | |
| RAND | | |
| PERKINS | | |
| BUSTIN | | |

SUMMARY

This bill provides HIV antibody testing, AIDS education and prevention programs for those convicted of or pleading to drug, prostitution and sex-related offenses, behaviors that are considered to be at high risk for acquiring and transmitting the Human Immunodeficiency Virus or HIV.

These programs are intended to motivate convicted offenders by offering a reduction in sentences or fines in exchange for participation in counseling, education and antibody testing.

This bill provides matching state funds to start a program, Operation HEAT, that offers convicted intravenous drug users and sex offenders the option to volunteer for AIDS testing. The bill also provides funds for case management services, AIDS education, counseling and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation programs.

LD 1660 **An Act to Provide for an Interim Superintendent for the Augusta Mental Health Institute** **P & S 25 EMERGENCY**

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| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
| PENDLETON | OTP-AM | H-261 |

SUMMARY

This bill grants authority to the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to appoint an interim superintendent of the Augusta Mental Health Institute. It extends the protection of the Maine Tort Claims Act to Health Consortium, Inc., and persons and entities contracting with Health Consortium, Inc. to assist and advise the Department. It also specifies the ability of the Legislature to request information from the interim superintendent and the Consortium and indicates the intent of the Legislature that the costs of this bill will be paid from the Governor's contingency account.