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One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature Second Regular Session

> Joint Standing Committee Bill Summaries

> > June 1990

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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP-ND-NT
OTP-A
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

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LD 1831

An Act Concerning the Commitment and Detention of Juveniles

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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ONTP

SUMMARY

The bill extends to 1999 the deadline beyond which juveniles may not be committed or detained in adult-serving jails.

LD 1881

An Act to Prorate Prison Sentences for Work Performed for

OTP-AM

PUBLIC 629

Charitable Organizations

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-742

S-495

DAGGETT BUSTIN

HOGLUND FARNSWORTH

SUMMARY

The bill allows for the proration of county jail sentences for prisoners performing work for charitable organizations similar to the proration allowed for work performed on public works projects.

Committee Amendment "A" defines "charitable organization" and combines the provisions of Title 30-A, sections 1602 and 1606.

LD 2024

An Act to Clarify and Expand the Provisions of the Law

OTP-AM

PUBLIC 654

Creating the Jail Industries Authority

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

PERKINS

BUSTIN MELENDY

SUMMARY

The bill allows the Department of Corrections to include counties under its federal Private Sector Prison Industry Enhancement certificate and makes changes in the workers' compensation laws to comply with federal certificate requirements.

Committee Amendment "A" further clarifies the Jail Industries' statutes and makes it clear that prisoners employed in prison industries are not protected by state or municipal employee labor laws.

LD 2098

An Act to Increase Eligibility for Imprisonment with Intensive Supervision

PUBLIC 728

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

HOLLOWAY NORTON OTP-AM

S-539

SUMMARY

The bill expands eligibility for intensive supervision probation (ISP) by including people sentenced to penalties which may not be suspended if the mandatory term is served before ISP begins.

Committee Amendment "A" further expands eligibility for ISP by including offenders whose probation is revoked and offenders who commit crimes with dangerous weapons or firearms.

LD 2273 An Act to Create Community Restitution Centers

PUBLIC 898

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

ANTHONY

OTP-AM

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BRANNIGAN BUSTIN MELENDY

S-730 PEARSON

SUMMARY

The bill creates a restitution center in Southern Maine for people who are sentenced to reside there as a condition of probation.

Committee Amendment "A" removes references to a single Southern Maine facility and authorizes the Department of Corrections to establish an unspecified number of restitution centers. The amendment also allows up to 10% of center residents to be people in the Department's custody, and clarifies that the intent of the centers is to divert people who would otherwise be incarcerated in a state or county facility.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" removes references to a center director and makes the bill contingent upon ratification of the general bond issue which would fund the capital costs for two centers (see LD 2469).

LD 2419 An Act to Clarify County Responsibility for Support of

ONTP-MAJ REP

Prisoners

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SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT COLES ONTP MAJ CAHILL P OTP-AM MIN CHONKO

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill makes counties responsible only for emergency medical conditions of prisoners which arise during the prisoners' incarceration. Presently, counties are responsible for all necessary medical treatment. The bill also requires that the county in which a person is brought to trial is responsible for the costs associated with supporting that person in jail during the trial.

Committee Amendment "A" represents the minority report. The amendment clarifies the bill's intent to make counties responsible only for emergency medical needs which arise during incarceration. The amendment also shifts responsibility for prison costs associated with trial from the county where the person is brought to trial to the county where the person is indicted.

The majority report was "ONTP".