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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
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 2227

An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services and Child

OTP-AM

PUBLIC 819

Protection Act

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

PENDLETON COLLINS **GAUVREAU** DIPIETRO

H-952

SUMMARY

The bill expands the list of organizations which must develop child abuse policies and adds chairs of professional licensing boards to the list of mandated reporters. The bill also eliminates the requirement of service by publication for preliminary protection order hearings when a party's whereabouts are unknown.

Committee Amendment "A" grants discretion to the court regarding service by publication in cases where a party's whereabouts are unknown. The amendment also makes the child welfare services ombudsman a permanent member of the Child Welfare Advisory Committee.

See also LDs 1833, 2115 and 2199.

LD 2233

An Act to Continue the Driver Education Evaluation Program

PUBLIC 790 **EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** OTP-AM **PERKINS**

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-584

JUSTIM **FOSTER** ROLDE

SUMMARY

The bill repeals the sunset provision of the Driver Education Evaluation Program (DEEP). It also changes the program by eliminating the educational component for first offenders who are not referred for an evaluation and by allowing the program to require that certain first offenders participate in the multiple offender residential program. The bill also eliminates the requirement for second opinions to petition the appeals board and expands the board in anticipation of an increase in appeals.

Committee Amendment "A" retains the education component for all offenders and gives first offenders the option of participating in the multiple offender residential program in lieu of receiving a private evaluation. The amendment eliminates the changes which the original bill makes to the appeals process.

LD 2239

An Act to Provide Greater Compliance with General Assistance

PUBLIC 699

Laws

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

CLARK M OTP-AM

BURKE

GAUVREAU

H-841

SUMMARY

The bill requires that municipalities post the toll-free number of the Department of Human Services for making complaints regarding general assistance, requires municipalities to make available to the public a summary of general assistance laws, requires the Department of Human Services to review and make a