

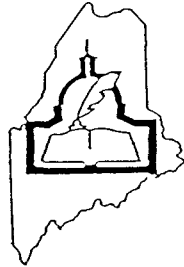
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**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  
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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## SPONSOR(S)

## COMMITTEE REPORT

## AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-673 CAHILL  
S-735 PEARSON

**SUMMARY**

This bill was reported out by the Committee pursuant to joint order. The bill does the following:

1. Requires correctional impact statements to be attached to all legislation that affects the State or county correctional systems;
2. Requires that juvenile sentencing issues be considered by the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute;
3. Amends the laws regarding detention of juveniles and requires counties to maintain temporary holding capacity for juveniles;
4. Requires that, as of January 1, 1995, sentences of one year or less be served in county jails;
5. Amends the section of the statutes relating to the Department of Corrections, Office of Advocacy;
6. Requires that boarding fees paid by counties to the Maine Youth Center and other facilities be applied by the Department of Corrections to community-based juvenile programs;
7. Establishes a maximum of 800 prisoners for Knox County barring emergencies, in which case the maximum can be exceeded until the emergency is resolved;
8. Establishes a special unit within a probation and parole district to prepare presentence investigation reports on all defendants convicted of Class A, B or C crimes and offer recommendations for community sentencing options when appropriate;
9. Requires the supervised juvenile to caseworker ratio to be no greater than 35 to 1 by July 1, 1995;
10. Requires the Department of Corrections to report to the Legislature regarding training of correctional officers, development of substance abuse treatment programs in its facilities and equalization of employee benefits across its institutions; and
11. Appropriates funds to carry out the purposes of the bill.

Senate Amendment "B" amends the bill by shifting responsibility for preparing correctional impact statements from the Legislature to the Department of Corrections.

Senate Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "B" further amends the bill by removing the provisions described in numbers 6, 8, 9 and 11 above. Doing so eliminates the need for an appropriation and removes future costs associated with the bill.