

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 999**

**An Act to Establish the Maine Primary Care Residency Training Assistance Program**

**PUBLIC 545  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CLARK N	OTP-AM	S-106
MARTIN J		S-376 CLARK N
GILL		
RYDELL		

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the Finance Authority of Maine to administer a program of grants to support the maintenance and expansion of existing family practice residency programs in Lewiston, Bangor, Augusta, Portland and Waterville. The bill provides an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for each year of the biennium.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-106) eliminates the appropriation for the grant program and clarifies that the Finance Authority of Maine is required to establish the program only if funds are available. The amendment also establishes the Primary Care Residency Commission to develop funding mechanisms for the primary care residency program. The commission is authorized to seek outside funds for its activities but may not incur any General Fund expenditures. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble, an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-376) amends Committee Amendment "A" by changing the reporting date of the Primary Care Residency Commission, if funding is received, from February 15, 1992 to November 1, 1991 and if no funding is received, from February 15, 1993 to November 1, 1992. This amendment also makes any proposal for outside funding subject to review and approval by the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. The amendment also adds language that gives the Legislative Council the authority to disapprove a funding source if there is a risk that accepting the funds will cause undue influence on the study.

**LD 1043      Resolve, Creating a Demonstration Project for Crisis Intervention for Adolescents and Children**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
DORE	ONTP	
GAUVREAU		

**SUMMARY**

This resolve authorizes the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to establish a 3-year demonstration crisis intervention program through Tri-County Mental Health Services for children and adolescents in Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties. The bill provides funds to implement the demonstration.

**LD 1066      An Act Concerning Income Eligibility for General Assistance**

**LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
THERIAULT	LV/WD	
COLLINS		
TAMMARO		

**SUMMARY**

This bill directs the Department of Human Services to add an income exclusion of up to \$1,500 for temporary agricultural work, when determining eligibility for Aid to Families with Dependent Children.