

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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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.

**An Act to Enhance Social Services and Therapeutic Patient Activities in Nursing Homes**SPONSOR(S)  
BUSTINCOMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AMAMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
S-181**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes nursing home minimum and maximum staffing standards for social services and patient activities.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-181) eliminates the maximum standards and revises the minimum standards to conform with existing rules. The amendment clarifies that a nursing home may transfer other approved nonnursing hours to social services or patient activities if the transfer does not increase the nursing home's per diem rate.

**LD 1381 An Act to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance for Certain Elderly Persons****ONTP**SPONSOR(S)  
HANLEY  
STEVENSON  
HEINO  
MCCORMICKCOMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

This bill increases the minimum personal needs allowance for certain boarding home residents from \$30 to \$50 per month.

**LD 1386 An Act to Authorize Involvement of the Department of Human Services in Providing School-based Child Care****PUBLIC 550**SPONSOR(S)  
CLARK M  
PARADIS J  
NORTONCOMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AMAMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-251**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the Department of Human Services to make grants to school administrative units to assist the units in providing school-based child care and allows grant money spent for this purpose to be considered an expenditure of local funds under the school funding formula.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-251) clarifies that assistance is not restricted to grants but may be made in other forms, such as child care vouchers. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.