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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<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 1615**Resolve, to Create a Comprehensive Health Care Plan for the State****ONTP**SPONSOR(S)
BRAWN
CARLETON
CONLEYCOMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Human Services to develop a 5-year state health plan and submit the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources by December 1, 1992.

LD 1635**An Act to Increase the Utilization of Supplemental Security Income through Education and Outreach****ONTP**SPONSOR(S)
FARNSWORTH
CONSTANTINE
GOODRIDGE
TITCOMBCOMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to the Department of Human Services for an outreach program to educate aged, blind and disabled low-income persons with regard to potential eligibility for supplemental security income. The outreach program would be funded through grants to Area Agencies on Aging and advocacy groups.

LD 1640**An Act to Provide Skilled Supervisors to Oversee Weekly Visits between Foster Children and Their Biological Families****ONTP**SPONSOR(S)
ST. ONGE
DORECOMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to the Department of Human Services to contract for skilled supervisors to oversee weekly visits between 200 children placed in foster care and their biological families.

LD 1642**An Act to Establish Professional Therapeutic Family Foster Homes****ONTP**SPONSOR(S)
DORE
GEAN
CARROLL DCOMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to the Department of Human Services to create professional family foster homes to provide high quality therapeutic care to 70 seriously disturbed foster children in fiscal year 1991-92 and 140 seriously disturbed foster children in fiscal year 1992-93.