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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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BILL SUMMARIES  
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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.

All functions of both the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Division of Community Services were retained in the committee amendment except for the Job Opportunity Zones program and the Maine Affordable Housing Alliance, which are abolished. Provisions in the original bill that abolished the Community Services Advisory Board were retained. Using language that mirrors that of L.D. 1556, this amendment creates a temporary Affordable Housing Alliance Advisory Committee within the Maine State Housing Authority to assist with the transfer of affordable housing programs to that agency. The amendment also struck the authority of the Maine Children's Trust Fund Advisory Board to hire staff and required that the board use all money to fund direct services for local child abuse, child neglect and mental illness prevention programs.

Senate Amendment "A" replaced the committee amendment and the bill. The amendment abolished 4 positions in the Division of Community Services, abolished the division and moved its functions to other agencies of State Government. The Community Services Block Grant Program and funds were moved to the Department of Economic and Community Development. The Head Start program and the Maine Children's Trust Fund were moved to the Bureau of Child and Family Services within the Department of Human Services and the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program was moved to the Maine State Housing Authority.

This amendment retained the Department of Economic and Community Development and retained all positions in that department that were targeted for abolishment in the bill and in the committee amendment.

**LD 1782**

**Resolve, to Establish the Academy for Public Service Study Committee**

**INDEF PP**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-535

**SUMMARY**

This resolve would have established the Academy for Public Service Study Committee. The committee's charge was to review existing documents and reports and to examine to what extent the existing education and training resources of the University of Maine System and other higher education institutions meet the manpower education and training needs of State Government and local government. The committee was also to study the feasibility of organizing and coordinating resources within higher educational systems and State Government to create an academy for public service for personnel already in or contemplating direct services, supervisory, administrative or elected positions. The committee was required to hold its first meeting by October 15, 1991 and to report its findings to the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.

The committee amendment "A" changed the membership of the Academy for Public Service Study Committee and required the Department of Administration to provide the committee with staff and clerical support during the study period. The amendment also required the members to serve without compensation, struck the appropriation section from the resolve, specified that the report of the study committee must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and added a fiscal note.