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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES

MAY 1992

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX
P&S XXX
RESOLVE XXX
CON RES XXX
EMERGENCY
CARRIED OVER
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT
DIED BETWEEN BODIES
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
VETO SUSTAINED
UNSIGNED
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law
Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
Chapter # of enacted Resolve
Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
Bill carried over to Special Session
Ought Not to Pass report accepted
Leave to Withdraw report accepted
Bill Indefinitely Postponed
Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
House and Senate disagree; bill died
Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
Not signed by Governor within 10 days
Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

confidentiality section that prohibits the Emergency Medical Services' Board from disclosing any information that could be used to identify a patient or a member of the patient's family.

House Amendment "A" (H-1038) corrects a term used in the committee amendment.

ONTP

LD 1910

Resolve, to Establish the Alternative Living Community Program

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BUSTIN

MCCORMICK

GEAN

MORRISON

SUMMARY

This resolve was carried over from the First Regular Session. It establishes a pilot project that involves transferring responsibility for the alternative living program at the Augusta Mental Health Institute to a private provider and retraining state employees to provide a community-based perspective.

LD 1911

An Act Related to the Planning and Delivery of Mental Health Services (Reported Pursuant to PL 1989, chapter 501, Part BB, section 8)

PUBLIC 781 EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

OTP-AM

MAJ

S-626 MAJ REP

ONTP

MIN

SUMMARY

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session. It implements the recommendations of the Systems Assessment Commission, including clarification of the role and responsibilities of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-626) replaces the original bill. It retains the part of the bill regarding a state mental health plan but amends that portion by deleting the creation of a planning commission and removing references to organizations that no longer exist. The amendment also retains from the bill studies regarding the mental health needs of Department of Corrections clients and higher education and training needs of the mental health system. Those studies are amended with new reporting dates.

The amendment adds Part C to the bill, which creates pilot regional authorities for mental health services in Region I and Region V. The amendment also adds Part D to the bill, which creates uniform regional boundaries for the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Department of Human Services, in accordance with recommendations of the Interdepartmental Council.