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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

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

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**SPONSOR(S)**PINEAU  
PARADIS J**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-435

**SUMMARY**

This bill does the following to enhance the coordination, efficiency and quality of day care in the State.

1. Principles are established in the Maine Revised Statutes to guide the development of the State's child care system.
2. The Office of Child Care Coordination is abolished and its staff reallocated to a newly created Child Care Coordination Committee, comprised of 5 program managers who administer state and federal child care funds. In addition to the former duties of the Office of Child Care Coordination, the committee is required to submit a biennial child care plan that outlines how state and federal funds will be used. The plan would be submitted for consideration by the Legislature in conjunction with the biennial budget.
3. The Child Care Advisory Council is established to advise the Department of Human Services and the Legislature regarding allocation of child care resources, licensing levels and the role of the resource development centers.
4. The Department of Human Services is designated as the state agency that administers child care funds in the State.
5. The Department of Human Services is required to provide child care information and assistance to recipients of aid to families with dependent children, or AFDC, to ease the transition from AFDC to work.
6. The Department of Human Services is required to develop a uniform application form for all subsidized child care programs and to implement it by January 1, 1994.
7. A prohibition against paying parents directly in cash for child care is enacted. Payments would be made directly to providers in all instances with the exception of use of the income disregard.
8. The Department of Human Services is required to continue funding the 10 child care resource development centers that existed on January 1, 1993.
9. The Department of Human Services is required to develop an automated eligibility and data base system for child care programs and to report to the Legislature on its progress by January 30, 1994.
10. Fire inspections are made more readily available by allowing local fire chiefs, firefighters designated by fire chiefs, fire wards and building inspectors to inspect and certify child care facilities.

Amendment H-435 makes the following changes to the original bill.

1. It removes authorization for compensation for members of the Child Care Advisory Council.
2. It strikes the provisions that would have abolished the Office of Child Care Coordination in favor of the Committee for Child Care Coordination. The office is retained and its authorizing statutory

provisions are moved into the new chapter enacted by the bill and amended to reflect its actual duties.

3. Several clarifying amendments are made to ensure that the legislation is consistent with state and federal law.
4. A statutory section requiring maintenance of the current 10 resource development centers is sunsetted on June 30, 1994, giving the Child Care Advisory Council time to submit its recommendations regarding the number and role of the centers.
5. Membership of the Child Care Advisory Council is revised to reflect the broad representation that currently exists on the Department of Human Services' child care advisory committee. This allows the council to replace the existing committee. Also, the duties of the council are clarified in light of the decision not to create a separate coordination committee.
6. Rather than specifying local officials who may perform fire inspections, the amendment directs the State Fire Marshal to establish standards and certify inspection technicians.
7. A section of the bill requiring the development of an automated child care eligibility and data base system is stricken. These functions are expected to be incorporated into the so-called FAMIS computer system that is being developed by the Department of Human Services.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 775      An Act to Restructure AIDS Services and Education      ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

To the extent permitted by federal law, this bill consolidates State AIDS programs in the Bureau of Health within the Department of Human Services.

**LD 791      An Act to Eliminate the Prescription Requirement for Hypodermic Syringes      PUBLIC 394**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>	
RYDELL	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-388	
CATHCART	ONTP	MIN	H-418	RUHLIN
			H-521	TREAT

**SUMMARY**

This bill removes the requirement that a person have a prescription or be an authorized user of needles to obtain a hypodermic apparatus. The bill allows a person who is 18 years of age or older to purchase a hypodermic apparatus from an authorized seller. Authorized sellers include pharmacists and manufacturers. Criminal immunity is provided for persons who sell or buy needles in accordance with the provisions of the bill.

Amendment H-388 adds veterinarians and agricultural supply stores to the list of authorized sellers of needles.