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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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 & 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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LD 999 An Act to Establish the Child Assistance Demonstration Program

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
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PARADIS J

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Child Assistance Demonstration Program modeled on similar programs in other states, to experiment with the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program to better assist families with child support orders and other services to achieve economic independence. In order to be implemented, the Child Assistance Demonstration Program must be approved under the waiver provisions of the United States Social Security Act, Section 1115.

The bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 1002 An Act to Amend State Law Regarding HIV Testing

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)
TOWNSEND G

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill makes the following changes to the law governing HIV testing.

1. It deletes the requirement that consent for an HIV test be in writing.
2. Current law allows testing of a source in the case of accidental exposure only when consent of the source is obtained or when a court order is obtained. This bill changes the law by allowing testing without prior informed consent when an accidental exposure has occurred. The patient must be informed of the testing as soon as practicable after the HIV test.
3. Current law contains special requirements regarding medical records containing information on HIV. The bill requires that a record containing HIV status is governed by the same confidentiality provisions as other medical records.
4. Current law requires that persons who obtain an HIV test be offered pretest and post-test counseling. This bill permits the waiver of counseling for an individual that is determined by the person recommending the test to be at low risk for contracting HIV.

LD 1005 An Act Relating to Activities Coordinators

PUBLIC 306

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-194

SUMMARY

This bill makes the following changes to the law governing the Job Training Program for Long-term Care Facilities Personnel.

1. It changes the name of the program to the Job Training Program for Activities Professionals.

2. It requires that job training services be coordinated by the Department of Education rather than the Department of Labor, and amends the existing funding and administration sections to specify that the program be conducted under the auspices of the education delivery system.
3. It specifies that certification be granted to participants who complete a 200-hour curriculum, and allows certification to be issued to persons who document completion of comparable training in accordance with rules adopted by the activities professional board of a state health care association.

Amendment S-194 changes the original bill in the following ways.

1. The bill changes the name of the program to the Job Training Program for Activities Professionals. The amendment substitutes the name "coordinator" for "professional" in the title of the chapter and throughout the laws governing activities coordinators, which is consistent with nationally used titles.
2. The bill requires that job training services be coordinated by the Department of Education rather than the Department of Labor. The amendment removes this change, leaving the coordination function in the Department of Labor.
3. The bill extended shared rule-making authority to the activities coordinator board of a state health care association. The amendment clarifies that the state departments responsible for rulemaking must consult with the association, but the association does not have rule-making authority.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1008 An Act to Establish Welfare Eligibility Reform

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires that the income of a person who is not a natural parent, adoptive parent or stepparent required to provide support under state law who is present in the home of and included in a family that receives Aid to Families with Dependent Children be included in determining whether the family is eligible to receive benefits. This bill also imposes financial responsibility for the support of the children in the family on such a person. Such a change in policy requires federal approval, and the bill takes effect only if approval is received.

LD 1018 An Act to Provide Mental Health Services for Children and Youth Who Are Homeless

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MORRISON
BUSTIN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill appropriates funds to the Bureau of Children with Special Needs for services relating to children and youth with special needs who are homeless.