

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES

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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:

*PUBLIC XXX*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*CARRIED OVER*

*ONTP*

*ENACTMENT FAILED*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE 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 Second Session*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree*

*Legislature failed 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.

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

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**LD 1400**

**An Act to Require Agencies to Maximize Medicaid Reimbursement**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PLOWMAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

In order to maximize the use of federal funds, this bill requires State departments paying for services to require community agencies that are eligible, or could reasonably become eligible, to become certified as Medicaid providers.

See also LD 576, which establishes a task force to study maximization of federal funds.

**LD 1401 Resolve, to Create the Healthy Start Task Force**

RESOLVE 25  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
FAIRCLOTH  
PARADIS J  
TREAT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-409

**SUMMARY**

This resolve creates the Healthy Start Task Force, which is directed to formulate a plan for implementation of a model Healthy Start home visitation program.

Amendment H-409 removes the Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review and adds the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse as a member of the Healthy Start Task Force. The amendment directs the Department of Human Services to absorb the costs of the task force within existing resources and strikes the appropriation from the original resolve. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

**LD 1418 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Committee to Advise the Department of Human Services on AIDS**

PUBLIC 384

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MCCORMICK  
RYDELL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-595 TREAT  
S-254

**SUMMARY**

This bill renames the Committee to Advise the Department of Human Services on AIDS as the Maine HIV Advisory Committee, revises the membership of the committee, adds an additional source for nomination of existing members and establishes new duties and responsibilities of the committee.

Amendment S-254 changes the number of members on the Maine HIV Advisory Committee from 33 to 36. It changes the number of physicians from 2 to 3 and specifies that the 3 physicians must be a children's specialist, a surgeon and a person who treats patients with AIDS. The amendment also has the substance-abuse member designated by the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse and adds a human resources manager and a provider of services to homeless people to the membership. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Amendment H-595 makes the bill's language internally consistent and clarifies the appointment process.