

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

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, 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*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*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*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*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 unable to agree; bill died*

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

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This bill also places the funds collected in a nonlapsing account, which is consistent with the treatment of funds collected from participants in the supervised community confinement program.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-408) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1632 An Act to Amend the Community Correction Law**

PUBLIC 517

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CLUKEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-738

**SUMMARY**

Currently, the courts are required to specify the county jail for persons convicted of Class D and E crimes and for other classes of crime for which the sentence is 9 months or less. The Department of Corrections is required to reimburse the jails for those prisoners, except that in fiscal years 1991-95 the obligation for this reimbursement may not exceed the amount appropriated for that purpose. It is required that 30% of the reimbursed funds claimed be used by the county for community corrections programs. This amount must be equally split between adult and juvenile corrections. Any funds not used by a county after 3 years are to be placed in a pool available to all counties on a competitive basis. This bill states that funds being retained by the Department of Corrections pending demonstration by the county of an adult community corrections program may be shifted to fund juvenile diversion programs of that county upon application by the county.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-738) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1648 An Act to Amend Conditions of the Supervised Community Confinement Program**

PUBLIC 503

**SPONSOR(S)**  
KIEFFER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-405

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the Department of Corrections to require a person participating in the supervised community confinement program to pay fees directly to a provider of electronic monitoring, drug testing or other services. The intent of this change is to save the department the expense of collecting, accounting for and disbursing these funds.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-405) adds a fiscal note.

**LD 1656 An Act to Clarify the Method for Calculating Inmate Good Time**

PUBLIC 518

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BUSTIN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-413

**SUMMARY**

Under current law:

1. A person sentenced to more than 6 months is entitled to 10 days a month good time for observing all rules.
2. A person sentenced to 6 months or less is entitled to 3 days per month.