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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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BILL SUMMARIES**

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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

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SPONSOR(S)HARRIMAN
FOSS**COMMITTEE REPORT**

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AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDS-613
S-626 PARADIS J**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the Department of Human Services to seek a waiver of certain federal provisions of AFDC and ASPIRE-JOBS programs to establish the Project Opportunity Demonstration Program in 3 department regions of the State.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT A (S-613) replaces the bill. It differs from the bill as follows.

Rather than establishing the Project Opportunity Demonstration Program in 3 department regions of the State for 5 years, the amendment limits the demonstration to 2 regions for 4 years, with an option to withdraw after 2 years if the program is not successful.

The amendment removes provisions in the bill that deny additional AFDC funds for children born while a family is receiving AFDC and that direct the department to assess income from domestic associates of recipients.

The amendment makes participation in the demonstration project voluntary. Priority for participation is assigned in the same manner as for other ASPIRE-JOBS participants.

Like the bill, the amendment provides subsidies to employers who hire demonstration project participants. The amendment allows the option of converting the subsidy to a participant voucher after 9 months if the employer and the case manager agree.

The bill provides for the transfer of funds from savings by the AFDC program to the ASPIRE-JOBS Program. The amendment requires the Department of Human Services to notify the appropriate joint standing committees of the Legislature when it has documented savings in the AFDC program and intends to seek legislative approval to transfer the savings to the ASPIRE-JOBS Program. No anticipated savings are transferred in the amendment. As in the bill, Family Services Program funds are transferred to the ASPIRE-JOBS Program to enhance federal matching funds.

The amendment directs the department to work with family planning services providers to develop an outreach program for AFDC recipients, with particular emphasis on recipients who are minors.

The amendment adds to the list of responsibilities of the Maine Economic Growth Council the identification of the work force challenges faced by welfare recipients and strategies to address their economic and related needs. It also directs the Maine Aid to Families with Dependent Children Advisory Council to offer assistance to the Maine Economic Growth Council in carrying out those tasks.

The amendment requires the Department of Human Services to ensure that the Maine Quality Centers, if they are established, are aware of the ASPIRE-JOBS Program and consider AFDC recipients for training through the centers.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

SENATE AMENDMENT A (S-626) amends the Committee amendment to remove the phrase that makes Project Opportunity voluntary.