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BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

AUGUST 1995

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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The "Ought-not-to-Pass" report was accepted in the Senate. The House voted to indefinitely postpone. The bill died between bodies.

LD 493 An Act to Amend Certain Powers of Hospital Administrative District No. 4

**P & S 14
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
HALL

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes Hospital Administrative District No. 4 to extend its services and facilities to any persons and areas that it may competitively serve.

LD 508 Resolve, Directing the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to Review Respite Care Licensing Standards

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
DONNELLY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to review its standards for licensing respite care providers. The resolve directs the department to examine limiting the use of information showing involvement by child protective services of the Department of Human Services that is more than 7 years old when that information shows minor situations that do not place children in jeopardy.

LD 540 Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations of the Healthy Start Task Force

RESOLVE 46

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-185
S-375 HANLEY

SUMMARY

This resolve implements the recommendations of the Healthy Start Task Force. It establishes the Healthy Start Pilot Project in 3 locations to provide community-based home visitation programs that are preventative, comprehensive, family-focused and universally available within the project areas. The Department of Human Services administers the pilot projects through a contract process. All pilot projects use consistent program design, training and evaluation, the Hawaii Healthy Start manual and the Maine Healthy Start Critical Elements. All pilot projects must collaborate with other entities in the community providing services to families.

The pilot projects are of 4 years' duration and are funded for the first 2 years. Administrative costs are limited to 10% and evaluation costs to 15% of the project cost. All pilot projects must match 25% of the contract amount with community-based funding. All pilot projects must meet regularly with the other projects and with the Bureau of Child and Family Services.