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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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4. It adds a repeal date to Title 34-B, section 1216 of one year after the United States District Court releases the State from its obligations under the community consent decree.
5. It adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 628 **Resolve, Establishing a Public Participation Process to Make Recommendations Concerning the Delivery of Health and Social Services** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
TREAT ONTP

SUMMARY

This resolve establishes the Health and Social Services Team to solicit broad public response and comment concerning the policy principles articulated in section 2 of this resolve and to gather recommendations from the public concerning changes in the service system that would achieve those principles. By May 15, 1995, the team shall submit the written report of the facilitators retained by the team along with any recommendations of the team to the Legislature and the Governor along with any recommended legislation. The Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources may report out a bill during the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature to further achieve the principles articulated in section 2.

The team is funded equally by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation from their budgets for administrative services. Staff assistance must be provided by those departments as required by the team.

LD 644 **An Act to Expand Eligibility for Benefits under the Adoption Assistance Program** PUBLIC 414
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
MCCORMICK OTP-AM S-109

SUMMARY

This bill amends the Adoption Assistance Program to ensure that the program benefits are available for families in which adoptions were finalized before August 1, 1994. Public Law 1993, chapter 686, effective August 1, 1994, extended eligibility to already finalized adoptions if there were facts relevant to a child's eligibility that were not presented at the time of the request for assistance or if the child was eligible for participation in the program at the time of placement and the adoptive parents were not apprised of the program. This bill clarifies that the expansion applies to all adoptions, not just those finalized on or after August 1, 1994.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-109) rewrites the bill for purposes of clarity. It makes no substantive changes.

LD 664 **An Act Regarding the Functioning of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and Several Professional Regulatory Boards** PUBLIC 402
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
 OTP-AM H-626
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