

# MAINE STATE 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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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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**LD 675**      **An Act to Require Disclosure of the Criminal History of a Juvenile That Moves into a Public Housing Project**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
WINN	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have authorized a criminal justice agency to release certain juvenile offense information to a public housing administrator for the administrator to share with the other residents of the public housing project when a juvenile with a juvenile offense record moved into or lived in the public housing project.

**LD 682**      **An Act to Require Employers to Pay the Cost of Recertification Training for Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
SAMSON	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that the employers of law enforcement officers and corrections officers pay the costs of in-service recertification training and in-service training, respectively.

**LD 731**      **An Act to Provide Adequate Counseling for Minors Incarcerated for Sex Offenses**      INDEF PP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
JOHNSON	OTP-AM      MAJ	H-170
	ONTP      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have provided a General Fund appropriation for a staff caseworker at the Maine Youth Center to provide counseling services to sex offenders.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-170) was the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice. The amendment would have changed the amount to be allocated for fiscal year 1995-96 from \$34,195 to \$25,647 and would have also added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 756**      **An Act to Prohibit the Use of State Money and Personnel to Conduct Warrantless Searches by Helicopters**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HEESCHEN	ONTP      MAJ	
	OTP-AM      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, the Maine National Guard and all other law enforcement agencies from using helicopters without a search warrant and probable cause to believe that marijuana was being grown on the property to be surveyed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-226) was the minority report and would have clarified that the overflight limitations apply only to helicopter operations to locate marijuana.