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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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be offered referrals for health care and support services. It adds a parent, guardian or authorized representative as a person who may petition to have testing done. It requires the testing health care facility, upon request of the petitioner, to disclose to the convicted offender the test results, as required by federal law.

See LD 1330.

**LD 813      An Act to Replace Existing Child Support Guidelines      ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules establishing a child support table that incorporates the Connecticut Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines adopted by the Connecticut Commission for Child Support Guidelines in 1994. The schedule must be adopted by January 1, 1996. The definition of "child support table" is amended to reflect the change, effective January 1, 1996.

**LD 821      An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Procedures for      PUBLIC 143  
Emergency Admissions to a Mental Hospital      EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
DORE	OTP-AM	H-191

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes a law enforcement agency to enter into an agreement with a mental health institution to allow a law enforcement officer to transfer custody of a person for whom emergency admittance to a mental health institution is sought to the chief administrative officer of a nonstate mental health institution or the chief administrative officer's designee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-191) makes consistent all language regarding public and private health practitioners and health care facilities.

**LD 844      An Act to Improve Efficiency in Contracting and Program      ONTP  
Evaluation for Social Services**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill eliminates the mandatory request-for-proposal procedure for social service contracts between community service providers and the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Office of Substance Abuse. It directs the agencies to ensure that all agreements to purchase services from community service providers are performance-based contracts.

**LD 846      An Act to Provide Funds for Family Crisis Shelters      INDEF PP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
AMERO	OTP-AM	

**SUMMARY**

This bill increases the fee for one marriage license from \$20 to \$60, increases the fee when 2 marriage licenses are required from \$10 to \$30 each and requires the municipal clerk to forward 2/3 of the marriage license fee revenue collected to the State Tax Assessor for deposit into the General Fund. This bill also provides for a General Fund appropriation of \$800,000 in fiscal year 1995-96 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 1996-97 to the Department of Human Services for family crisis services.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-110) deletes the increase in fees for marriage licenses and increases the amount appropriated in fiscal year 1996-97 from \$1,000,000 to \$1,800,000.

The bill, with the committee amendment, went to the Appropriations Table. It was indefinitely postponed in both houses.

**LD 858      An Act to Exempt the Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital and      ONTP**  
**Nursing Home from the Regulation of the Maine Health**  
**Care Finance Commission**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill exempts the Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home from regulation by the Maine Health Care Finance Commission.

**LD 863      An Act to Improve the Well-being of Communities by Providing      INDEF PP**  
**Adequate Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, Incest,**  
**Rape and Child Sexual Abuse and Enhance Community Education**  
**and Prevention Programs Statewide**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
KILKELLY                                      OTP-AM  
AMERO

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides General Fund appropriations of \$200,000 in fiscal year 1995-96 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 1996-97 to the Department of Human Services to increase annual funding to the 10 rape crisis centers by \$20,000 each and to provide rape crisis services in Knox and Waldo counties and to expand services in York County in fiscal year 1996-97.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-190) adds a fiscal note.

The bill, with the committee amendment, went to the Appropriations Table. It was indefinitely postponed in both houses.

**LD 885      Resolve, to Create a Task Force to Review the State's      RESOLVE 13**  
**Involuntary Commitment Law**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
FITZPATRICK                                      OTP-AM                                      H-187