

# 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 1023**     **An Act to Waive the Requirement for Background Checks of Those in Current Possession of a Permit to Carry Concealed Weapons**     ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have waived the requirement of background checks for a person who currently possesses a concealed weapons permit.

The Department of Public Safety and the National Rifle Association have been asked to look at the issues in this bill and in LD 1087, "An Act Concerning Concealed Firearms Permits," and to draft compromise legislation for the Committee.

**LD 1030**     **An Act to Provide Services to Adjudicated Young Women**     CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
JOHNSON

**SUMMARY**

This bill would provide General Fund appropriations for the Gate House Program to provide transitional and diversion services for adjudicated young women involved with the Maine Youth Center.

**LD 1052**     **An Act to Allow the Collection of Reimbursement for Medical Expenses**     PUBLIC 197

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
BENOIT                                  OTP-AM                                  S-148

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows facilities that provide medical care to any person as a result of a disciplinary infraction by a prisoner or juvenile to be reimbursed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-148) replaces the bill. The amendment allows the Department of Corrections and the counties to impose restitution to help pay for the cost of medical care incurred by the misconduct of prisoners or juveniles at correctional facilities or jails. Under current law, restitution may be collected to pay for the costs of repairing and replacing property damaged by prisoners or juveniles at correctional facilities or jails.

**LD 1054**     **An Act to Revise the Requirements of the Policy Review Council for the Arthur R. Gould School at the Maine Youth Center**     ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have reduced the size of the Policy Review Council for the Arthur R. Gould School, located at the Maine Youth Center, from 7 members to 5 members by eliminating the 2 one-year appointments and would have limited membership to 4 education professionals and a parent of a current or former student who resides in Cumberland County.