

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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:

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

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing social workers:

1. It clarifies the qualifications and requirements of initial licensure and renewal of licensure at the various levels specified by law;
2. It changes references to "certificate of registration" to "license" and "institution" to "program"; and
3. It updates the definitions of "social work," "psychosocial assessment," "evaluation," "intervention" and "treatment" as they pertain to social work practice.

**LD 1166 An Act to Provide for Certain Amendments to Laws Affecting the Finance Authority of Maine**PUBLIC 117  
EMERGENCY**SPONSOR(S)**  
GWADOSKY**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-235**SUMMARY**

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing the Finance Authority of Maine.

Part A repeals the sunset provision that terminated the authority of the Finance Authority of Maine to administer the student financial assistance programs of the Finance Authority of Maine, including the Maine Education Assistance Board. Public Law 1991, chapter 832, section 2 repealed the sunset provision in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 1017. The corresponding sunset provision in Title 1, section 2501 was not repealed at that time. The bill makes the repeal of the sunset provision retroactive to June 30, 1992, the date of the repeal of Title 10, section 1017.

Part B corrects erroneous references that were made in Public Law 1993, chapter 722 to clarify that money from the Economic Recovery Program Fund may be used for the Capital Access Program and makes it retroactive to April 20, 1994, the effective date of the original bill.

Part C authorizes telephonic meetings of the members of the Finance Authority of Maine in an emergency situation.

Part D amends the Health Professions Loan Program by creating additional incentives for primary care physicians to practice in this State by increasing the amount of loan forgiveness available.

Part E renames the Blaine House Scholars program the "Teachers for Maine" program and puts additional emphasis on providing loans to students demonstrating academic achievement and provides additional incentives to encourage loan recipients to become teachers. It increases the loan amount available to undergraduate students, recognizing that tuition increases since the program's inception have reduced the portion of a recipient's education expenses paid by the loans.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-235) makes 2 technical changes to the original bill and modifies the return service requirement by replacing the phrase "each year the individual receives" with "for every 2 years or less that the individual receives."