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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:

CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
FAILED ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<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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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-516) replaces the original bill. The amendment repeals the previous sunset review process and establishes a new process in which the committees of jurisdiction conduct the program evaluations for agencies and independent agencies. The amendment also establishes new standards for review.

LD 1350 An Act to Repeal Boards That Have Not Filed Annual Reports with the Secretary of State

PUBLIC 233

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
OTP

SUMMARY

This bill is submitted in accordance with the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12006, subsection 2, which requires the Secretary of State to submit legislation by March 2nd of each biennium repealing boards that have not filed annual reports as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12005-A during either of the previous 2 calendar years.

Parts A and B repeal 2 boards that did not file annual reports covering calendar year 1994: the Agriculture Promotion Committee and the Maine Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Council.

Part C removes a reference to regional councils of governments from the list of boards required to file annual reports. There is no mechanism for the Secretary of State to identify these local, self-funded entities and their membership qualification papers are not filed with the Secretary of State.

The Board of Visitors, Maine Correctional Center, did not file a report for 1994, but repealing its statute would also repeal all boards of visitors within the Department of Corrections, so it is not included in this legislation.

LD 1355 An Act to Establish Standards for Privatization Contracts

ONTP

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill does the following.

1. It establishes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services as the overseer of contracts privatizing state services.
2. It limits those contracts to 5 years in duration.
3. It requires the contractor to pay a minimum wage that is the lesser of the wage paid by the State for a similar position and the average private sector wage rate for that position.
4. It requires the contractor to pay a percentage of employee health insurance costs at least equal to the percentage paid by the State.
5. It gives qualified state employees displaced by the contract priority for hiring by the contractor.
6. It requires the agency to provide a cost estimate for having regular agency employees provide the contract services.
7. It requires State Auditor certification of all privatization contracts.