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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

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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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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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SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to move people into the work force and toward self-sufficiency and away from government assistance. It requires people to get the training necessary for successful employment and supports the entry of people into the workplace.

This bill provides incentives for employment while removing barriers welfare recipients commonly face. It protects child care benefits, child support payments and medical coverage while maintaining income. Specifically, the bill contains the following provisions.

1. It uses short-term, subsidized employment by requiring most Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients to participate and cooperate with job placement.
2. It shifts the participant's dependence on AFDC to a reliance on earned income.
3. It provides program recipients with work skills, education, work site training, mentoring and individual education account credits to support continuing education.
4. It provides all necessary support services including child care, workers' compensation and job placement, as well as a guarantee to participants that their net income will not be reduced.
5. It tailors individual employment plans by matching job skills and interests of the participant to the needs of employers.
6. It develops a partnership between the public and private sectors for job creation.
7. It pays wages for participants from funds that otherwise would have gone into welfare benefits. Employers will issue paychecks and be reimbursed by the State up to the amount of the minimum wage.
8. It is intended to reduce the caseload for AFDC and food stamps by 50% in the 4th year of the program and to reduce overall caseload costs by 25%.
9. It allows participants receiving child support payments to receive the entire amount of child support paid.
10. It provides requirements and authorization for the Department of Human Services to expeditiously seek and obtain any federal permission necessary to implement the program.

See also LD 1496.

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