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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 1998

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

- CON RES XXX*..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....House & Senate disagree; bill died
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
- EMERGENCY*.....Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....Bill failed to get majority vote
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
- INDEF PP*.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
- ONTP*..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
- OTP ND*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
- OTP ND/NT*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
- P&S XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
- PUBLIC XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
- RESOLVE XXX*..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
- UNSIGNED*.....Bill held by Governor
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 30, 1998 and July 9, 1998 for the Second Special Session. Second Special Session laws include Public Laws beginning with Chapter 718, Private and Special Laws beginning with Chapter 82 and Resolves beginning with Chapter 117.

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FARNSWORTH | OTP-AM | H-1055 S-723 MICHAUD |

LD 1996 proposed to establish the authority of the Department of Human Services to determine the necessary regulations that must be adhered to before Medicaid program funds can be used for the provision of Medicaid eligible services delivered through the educational system or the early intervention system. The bill also proposed to specify that Medicaid funds can only be provided for school-based educational services or early intervention services that are provided by qualified service providers approved by the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Medical Services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1055) proposed to replace the bill and change it to a resolve. It proposed to require a report on Medicaid services provided in or by school administrative units, state intermediate educational units and the Child Development Services System. It also proposed to add an appropriation, an allocation and a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-723) proposed to remove the appropriation and allocation sections of Committee Amendment "A".

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 123 comprises the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A". The resolve requires an audit and a report on Medicaid services provided in or by school administrative units, state intermediate educational units and the Child Development Services System. The report must be provided to the joint standing committees of the Legislature on education and cultural affairs and health and human services by January 1, 1999.

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BROOKS PINGREE | OTP-AM | H-904 S-559 PARADIS |

LD 2005 proposed to bring the State's safe drinking water laws into conformance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act in order to maintain primacy over drinking water.

The bill also proposed to establish provisions for small system variances. It proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Human Services to adopt a source water assessment program and a capacity development program. It proposed to grant the Advisory Board for Licensure of Water Treatment Plant Operators authority to classify public water systems.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-904) proposed to replace the bill. This amendment proposed to correct dates in the current state safe drinking water laws, updated the laws to conform with federal drinking water requirements