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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. 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 and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the 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:

CARRIED OVER.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session
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
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

LD 1132

An Act to Establish Minimum Criteria for Siting Community Living Arrangements

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE	ONTP	

LD 1132 proposed to require community living arrangements to show their impact on local communities and obtain a certificate of need before a state agency decision to fund the arrangement.

LD 1169

An Act to Improve the Accountability of the Maine Children's Trust and to Explicitly Include High-quality Child Care as an Integral Part of its Mission

PUBLIC 529

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGLEY	OTP-AM MAJ	S-455 MICHAUD
MAYO	OTP-AM MIN	S-72

LD 1169 proposed to include quality child care as an integral part of the overall statewide goals and objectives for child abuse prevention activities of the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated. This bill proposed to expand the definition of prevention programs to include the promotion of high-quality child care and require that the names of both the successful and unsuccessful applicants for the trust's grants be submitted to the Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-72) is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. It proposed to clarify that information about applicants to the Maine Children's Trust would be made public only with the applicants' permission. It proposed to add a study commission to review the mission, performance and accountability of the trust. It proposed to add an appropriation section.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-455) removes the provisions that establish the Maine Children's Trust Study Committee.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 529 includes quality child care as an integral part of the overall statewide goals and objectives for child abuse prevention activities of the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated and expands the definition of prevention programs to include the promotion of high-quality child care.

It requires that information about applicants to the Maine Children's Trust be made public with the applicants' permission.