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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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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](http://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 1446**

**Resolve, to Create the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing**

**RESOLVE 66  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGLEY ROWE	OTP-AM	S-179 S-461 MICHAUD

LD 1446 proposed to establish the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing to examine issues of public policy pertaining to quality child care and early education, the financing of quality child care and early education and economic development incentives available to encourage the development of quality child care and early education facilities and services. The commission would report no later than December 1st of each year to the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Human Services, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-179)** proposed to replace the bill with a resolve. This amendment would change the annual reporting date of the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing to a one-time reporting date of December 1, 2000. This amendment also would delete reference to terms of commission members and would add a representative from the child care licensing division of the Department of Human Services to the commission. This amendment also added an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-461)** proposed to specify the appointment of the chairs of the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing and the compensation of Legislative commission members and limited the study to one year and three meetings.

*Enacted law summary*

Resolve 1999, chapter 66 establishes the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing to examine issues of public policy pertaining to quality child care and early education, the financing of quality child care and early education and economic development incentives available to encourage the development of quality child care and early education facilities and services. The commission must report no later than December 1, 2000 to the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Human Services, the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Chapter 66 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 1999.

**LD 1447**

**An Act to Promote Maine's Family-friendly Business and Investment Strategies**

**PUBLIC 272**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGLEY ROWE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-147

LD 1447 proposed to add quality child care to the types of businesses and projects that are considered in plans, analyses and funding by the Office of Business Development, the Economic Opportunity Program, the Maine Economic Growth Council, and municipal development districts. The bill also proposed to create a Quality Child Care Fund administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development into which money for quality child care received by any source could be deposited and then disbursed through the existing Economic Opportunity Program.