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*Bill Summaries*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**August 2001**

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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*  
*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*  
*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 21, 2001**.

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# Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

**LD 216**

**An Act to Offer Greater Financial Incentives Promoting Quality  
Child Care**

**PUBLIC 394**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGLEY	OTP-AM MAJ	S-291
BROOKS	ONTP MIN	

The provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3737, subsection 3 allow for a differential rate of compensation for child care services for those providers that meet national standards for quality. LD 216 proposed to allow differential rates also to be paid to providers that make substantial progress toward accreditation.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-291)** proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to change language in existing law regarding the payment of childcare services differentials. It proposed to require the payment of differentials from Child Care Development Fund quality funds for childcare services that meet recognized standards or make substantial progress towards meeting them. It proposed to define substantial progress and limit payment of the differential to one year. It also proposed to add an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

## *Enacted law summary*

The provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3737, subsection 3 allow for a differential rate of compensation for child care services for those providers that meet national standards for quality. Public Law 2001, chapter 394 changes language in existing law regarding the payment of childcare services differentials. It requires the payment of differentials from Child Care Development Fund quality funds for childcare services that meet recognized standards or make substantial progress towards meeting them. It defines substantial progress and limits payment of the differential to one year.

**LD 218**

**An Act to Ensure Statewide Assistance to Maine's Homeless Youth**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGLEY	OTP-AM	S-110
BROOKS		

LD 218 proposed to establish homeless youth programs within the Department of Human Services to provide assistance to youths and their families based on a community needs and resources model. The bill proposed to appropriate \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$700,000 in fiscal year 2002-03. The bill proposed to require a report on the programs to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by March 1, 2002. The bill proposed to repeal the provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4099 that sunsets the Youth in Need of Services Pilot Program on July 1, 2001.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-110)** proposed to clarify that the Youth in Need of Services Pilot Program be repealed on June 30, 2001. It proposed to retain the provisions of the bill that enact homeless youth programs and appropriate \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$700,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 for funding for homeless youth programs. The amendment proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.