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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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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).

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.

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See also LD 1024.

LD 219 **An Act to Expand the Cub Care Program and to Establish the Bear Care Program** **ONTP**

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

LD 219 proposed to establish the Bear Care program in the State by changing the name of the Medicaid program beginning July 1, 2002. It proposed to require materials and information about the Medicaid program for use by the public to display the name "Bear Care" beginning October 1, 2001. By January 15, 2002 the bill proposed to require the Department of Human Services to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services proposing legislation to accomplish the name change. It proposed to direct the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to submit legislation to accomplish the name change by July 1, 2002. It proposed to require the Department of Human Services to file with the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration all necessary amendments to the state Medicaid plan to change the name of the Medicaid program in the State to the "Bear Care program" for the purposes of service delivery and program administration by January 15, 2002.

LD 219 did not propose to alter the designation "Cub Care" for the program providing health care coverage for children under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-T. It proposed to increase, however, the income eligibility from 200% to 300% of the federal nonfarm income official poverty line and set the premiums for coverage for families with incomes above 185% of the nonfarm income official poverty line at 20% of the benefit cost per child, but no higher for a family than the cost for 2 children. This bill proposed to increase the income eligibility level for parents of children on the Medicaid program from 150% to 200% of the federal nonfarm income official poverty line.

See LD 1303, Public Law 2001, chapter 450 regarding renaming the Medicaid program and Cub Care program MaineCare.

LD 243 **An Act to Implement the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000** **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LOVETT MITCHELL B	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-516

LD 243 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposed to implement the federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000.