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*Bill Summaries*

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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](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 1024**

**An Act to Extend the Youth in Need of Services Oversight Committee**

**PUBLIC 445  
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| QUINT<br>CATHCART | OTP-AM                  | H-207<br>S-390 GOLDTHWAIT |

Under current law, the Youth in Need of Services Oversight Committee is scheduled for repeal on June 30, 2001. LD 1024 proposed to remove the repealer from that section of law to ensure the continuation of the committee.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-207)** proposed to extend the work of the Youth in Need of Services Oversight Committee until December 1, 2001. It proposed to add an appropriation to fund the committee and a fiscal note.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-390)** proposed to extend the work of the Youth in Need of Services Pilot Program and the oversight committee until June 30, 2002.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 445 extends the work of the Youth in Need of Services Pilot Program and Oversight Committee until June 30, 2002. It limits the oversight committee to three meetings.

Public Law 2001, chapter 445 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 27, 2001.

**LD 1033**

**An Act to Make Child Care More Accessible for Parents in Transition From Welfare to Work**

**PUBLIC 338**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>  | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| SIMPSON<br>LONGLEY | OTP-AM                  | H-493                     |

LD 1033 proposed to provide that child care assistance provided to participants in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program who are engaged in paid work must be paid directly to the participant's child care provider by the Department of Human Services in a prompt manner that permits the participant to access child care without paying for it out-of-pocket in advance.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-493)** proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to provide for the determination of TANF benefit levels for TANF recipients who have child care costs. It proposed to allow TANF recipients to pay their child care costs themselves, with the assistance provided by the Department of Human Services, or they may elect to have the department's assistance paid directly to the child care provider. It proposed to require the department to adopt rules to implement the child care assistance provisions. These rules would be routine technical rules. It proposed to require the direct payment of child care assistance to be implemented no later than March 1, 2002. It proposed to allow the transfer of funds from the ASPIRE-TANF account to the TANF account for the payment of child care assistance. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.