

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4955 – HB 4956

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The Criminal Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan itself, but rather a Section which members of the State Bar choose voluntarily to join, based on common professional interest.

The position expressed is that of the Criminal Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Criminal Law Section is 2,508.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 24. The number who voted in favor to this position was 10. The number who voted opposed to this position was 4. The number who abstained was 3.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Criminal Law Section

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Bill Numbers:

[HB 4955](#) (Santana) Criminal procedure; sentencing; juveniles who may be sentenced in the same manner as an adult; revise criteria. Amends sec. 1, ch. IX of [1927 PA 175](#) (MCL [769.1](#)).

[HB 4956](#) (Guerra) Juveniles; criminal procedure; factors to consider when determining jurisdiction over juveniles in certain circumstances; modify. Amends sec. 4, ch. XIII of [1939 PA 288](#) (MCL 712A.4).

Date position was adopted:

January 19, 2016

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

24

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

10 Voted for position

4 Voted against position

3 Abstained from vote

7 Did not vote (absent)

Position:

Support

The text of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report.

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4955>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4956>