

PRISONS & CORRECTIONS SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4955 – HB 4956

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The position expressed is that of the Prisons & Corrections 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 Prisons & Corrections Section is 170.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 19. The number who voted in favor to this position was 13. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Prisons & Corrections Section

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Bill Numbers:

[HB 4955](#) (Santana) Criminal procedure; sentencing; sentencing juveniles prosecuted in the same manner as adults; revise the code of criminal procedure to reflect increase in age limit and factors for consideration. 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 9, 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:

19

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

13 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

6 Did not vote (absent)

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Section supports the Bills in principle.

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>