

PRISONS & CORRECTIONS SECTION  
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4957 – HB 4959

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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 12. The number who voted opposed to this position was 1.

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Prisons & Corrections Section

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**Bill Numbers:**

[HB 4957](#) (Heise) Juveniles; other; detention of juveniles in certain circumstances; modify. Amends secs. 14, 15, 16, 18, 18i & 18k, ch. XIIA of [1939 PA 288](#) (MCL 712A.14 et seq.).

[HB 4958](#) (Heise) 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. 27a, ch. IV of [1927 PA 175](#) (MCL [764.27a](#)).

[HB 4959](#) (Heise) Corrections; alternatives; restrict placement of youth under 18 during confinement, trial, or transport; prohibit placement with adults during confinement, trial, or transport. Amends sec. 139 of [1931 PA 328](#) (MCL [750.139](#)).

**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:**

12 Voted for position

1 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 these 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-4957>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4958>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4959>