

PRISONS & CORRECTIONS SECTION
Public Policy Position
HB 5245

The Prisons & Corrections Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 163 members. The Prisons & Corrections Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Prisons & Corrections Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Prisons & Corrections Section has a public policy decision-making body with 11 members. On December 2, 2017, the Section adopted its position after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 10 members voted in favor of the Section's position on HB 5245, 0 members voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 0 members did not vote.

The Prisons & Corrections Section Opposes HB 5245.

Explanation:

The Section Council voted to oppose HB 5245 because its provisions conflict with HB 4101 and HB 4102. HB 5245 would allow a court to order the transfer of prisoners for medical or psychiatric treatment. It would create a class of prisoners in the community without supervision who would be returned to prison if their physical or mental health improved sufficiently. Medicaid would not cover the cost of their treatment because they would still be classified as prisoners. Last year, the Section Council voted to support prior versions of HB 4101 and HB 4102. It voted to renew its support of the current bills, number HB 4101 and HB 4102 which provide for medical parole to specified prisoners, set criteria for such paroles, and set conditions on those parolees.

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