

PRISONS & CORRECTIONS SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0144

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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 177.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 16. The number who voted in favor to this position was 8. 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 Number:

[SB 144](#) (Proos) Appropriations; zero budget; department of corrections; provide for fiscal year 2017-2018. Creates appropriations act.

Date position was adopted:

May 6, 2017

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:

16

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

8 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

1 Abstained from vote

8 Did not vote (absent)

Position:

Oppose with Recommended Amendments

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The Prisons and Corrections Section opposes the Senate Corrections budget bill in part, consistent with prior positions of the Section. The Section recommends amending the size and scope of the budget cut, and removing the leased bed program as well as the portion for "future facilities" from this Senate Bill. The Section has long opposed the jail leased bed program and the privatization of correctional facilities. In addition, the size and scope of the cut in this budget bill will likely result in compression of the population, decreased programming and medical care, and a decrease in the Department's flexibility to move prisoners. All of these impacts are negative and inconsistent with prior positions and recommendations of this Section.

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?2017-SB-0144>