

PUBLIC POLICY POSITION

Bill Numbers:

<u>HB 5244</u> (Kesto) Mental health; other; time limitation on completion of examination to evaluate issue of incompetence to stand trial; implement. Amends sec. 1028 of <u>1974 PA 258</u> (MCL <u>330.2028</u>).

<u>HB 5246</u> (Kesto) Mental health; facilities; examination to evaluate issue of incompetence to stand trial; modify process and expand certain resources. Amends sec. 1026 of <u>1974 PA 258</u> (MCL <u>330.2026</u>).

Date position was adopted: January 26, 2018

Board of Commissioners Vote:

Unanimous support with the abstention of Commissioner Brian Shekell.

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

Oppose. Although the State Bar supports the goal of improving the speed and accuracy of competency evaluations, these bills would not improve the current system, due to lack of deadlines, funding, and standards.