

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of committee:

Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee

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Bill Number:

[HB 5213](#) (Coulouris) Criminal procedure; expunction; record expungement for certain offenders; provide for. Amends sec. 1 of [1965 PA 213](#) (MCL [780.621](#)) & repeals sec. 4 of 1965 PA 213 (MCL [780.624](#)).

Date position was adopted:

November 8, 2007

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:

20

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

8 Voted for position

1 Voted against position

1 Abstained from vote

10 Did not vote

Position:

Active Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The committee has supported prior proposed legislation and continues to do so with these proposed bills. It is felt that a person should have the opportunity to clear their record, where possible, of youthful indiscretions. The proposed legislation will benefit not only the individual, but society as a whole. It would clear the disability that keeps many of our citizens from obtaining an education, job or becoming a productive member of society.

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?2007-HB-5213>

FOR LEGISLATIVE ISSUES ONLY:

This position falls within the following Keller-permissible category:

- The regulation and discipline of attorneys
- ✓ The improvement of the functioning of the courts
- The availability of legal services to society
- The regulation of attorney trust accounts
- The regulation of the legal profession, including the education, the ethics, the competency, and the integrity of the profession.

Keller-permissible explanation: The proposed legislation is Keller permissible since it falls within the functioning of the courts.