

*CRIMINAL ISSUES INITIATIVE*

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4694 – HB 4697

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The Criminal Issues Initiatives is comprised of members appointed by the President of the State Bar of Michigan.

The position expressed is that of the Criminal Issues Initiatives only and is not an official position of the State Bar of Michigan, nor does it necessarily reflect the views of all members of the State Bar of Michigan.

The State Bar of Michigan's position on this matter is to support the bills, but express the concern as to the success of the program without providing funding.

The total membership of the Criminal Issues Initiatives 15.

The position was adopted after discussion at a scheduled meeting and an e-vote. The number of members in the decision-making body is 15. The number who voted in favor to this position was 10. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0. The number who abstained was 1.

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of Committee:**

Criminal Issues Initiative

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**Bill Numbers:**

[HB 4694](#) (Cotter) Courts; circuit court; mental health court; create.

[HB 4695](#) (Haines) Courts; circuit court; mental health court; create.

[HB 4696](#) (Walsh) Courts; circuit court; mental health court; create.

[HB 4697](#) (O'Brien) Courts; circuit court; mental health court; create.

**Date position was adopted:**

July 16, 2013

**Process used to take the ideological position:**

Position adopted after discussion at a scheduled meeting and electronic vote

**Number of members in the decision-making body:**

15

**Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:**

10 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

1 Abstained from vote

4 Did not vote

**Position:**

Support

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?2013-HB-4694>

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**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:**

These bills would affect the functioning of the court in their creation of a new problem-solving court, focusing on those individuals in the system with mental illness.