

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of committee:

Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee

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Bill Number:

[HB 5783](#) (Meadows) Courts; juries; eligibility to postpone jury service of students; expand to include full-time higher education students. Amends sec. 1335 of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.1335](#)).

Date position was adopted:

February 25, 2010

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after discussion and e-vote.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

19

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

15 Voted for position
0 Voted against position
4 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The committee voted unanimously to support HB 5783 to allow college students the same benefit of a postponement of jury service until the end of the school year allowed to full time students in high school. The reasoning seemed self evident, with the value of education in today's world.

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?2009-HB-5783>

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 bill does not exempt students from jury service but rather postpones service to a time when studies and class schedules will not be interrupted. Therefore, the jury pool should not be diminished and the courts should not be negatively impacted.