

CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE & PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4351

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The Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee is comprised of members appointed by the President of the State Bar of Michigan.

The position expressed is that of the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee. The State Bar of Michigan has authorized the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee to advocate its position.

The State Bar of Michigan's position on this matter is to support.

The total membership of the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee is 14.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 14. The number who voted in favor to this position was 9. The number who voted opposed to this position was 1. The number who abstained was 1.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Committee:

Criminal Jurisprudence and Practice

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Bill Number:

[HB 4351](#) (Singh) Courts, juries; Higher education, students. 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:

March 21, 2013

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:

14

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

9 Voted for position

1 Voted against position

1 Abstained from vote

3 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The committee voted to support the bill 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?2013-HB-4351>

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.