

PRISONS & CORRECTIONS SECTION  
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 1011

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The position expressed is that of the Prisons & Corrections Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Prisons & Corrections Section is 189.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 15. The number who voted in favor to this position was 11. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0. The number who abstained from voting was 1.

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of Section:**

Prisons & Corrections Section

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**Bill Number:**

[SB 1011](#) (Caswell) Human services; medical services; suspension of medicaid for certain incarcerated individuals; allow. Amends sec. 106 of [1939 PA 280](#) (MCL [400.106](#)) & adds sec. 106b.

**Date position was adopted:**

November 1, 2014

**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:**

15

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

11 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

1 Abstained from vote

4 Did not vote (absent)

**Position:**

Support and Amend

**Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:**

The Section supports the bill, but believes the limitation included within the bill—applying it only to individuals with “serious mental illness or a serious emotional disturbance”—should be deleted. The Section believes the proposed language in Sec. 106B(1) should be amended to read as follows: “The State Medicaid Plan shall require the Department of Community Health to suspend rather than terminate the medical assistance of an individual when either of the following applies . . . .” This amendment would provide the suspension of Medicaid benefits, not the termination of benefits, for all inmates at public institutions, easing their transition once released.

**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?2014-SB-1011>