



Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Committee:

Criminal Jurisprudence and Practice Committee

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Bill Number:

HB 4588 (Van Regenmorter) Crime victims; rights; comprehensive changes to crime victim's rights act; enact. Amends secs. 2, 6, 13a, 16, 16a, 18, 18a, 19, 20, 21, 31, 44, 44a, 46, 47, 61, 65, 76, 76a, 78 & 81 of 1985 PA 87 (MCL 780.752 et seq.) & adds sec. 19a.

Date position was adopted:

June 16, 2005

Process used to take the ideological position:

Committee meeting

Number of members in the decision-making body:

15

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

13 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention

Position:

This bill amends the Crime Victims Rights Act

The text (may be provided by hyperlink) of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report:

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.asp?page=getObject&objName=2005-HB-4588>

RECOMMEND STATE BAR ACTION ON THIS ISSUE:
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Arguments for the position:

None reported.

Arguments against the position (if any):

None reported.

If the State Bar currently has a position on this subject matter, state the position, and an analysis of whether the recommended position and the current State Bar position are in conflict.

At its September 21, 2005 meeting, the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to support in principle HB 4588.

Fiscal implications of the recommended policy to the State Bar of Michigan:

None reported.

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:

Not reported.