

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of committee:

Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee

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Bill Number:

[HB 5176](#) (Kandreas) State; identification cards; forms of identification necessary to apply for a state identification card; include corrections identification card and allow access to certain department of corrections data. Amends sec. 1 of [1972 PA 222](#) (MCL [28.291](#)).

[HB 5177](#) (Jones, R.) Corrections; prisoners; certain prisoner reentry programs, including issuance of identification card and copies of other identifying documents; require, and require prisoners to obtain certain records. Amends secs. 35, 37 & 67 of [1953 PA 232](#) (MCL [791.235](#) et seq.) & adds sec. 34b.

[HB 5178](#) (Amash) Traffic control; driver license; forms of identification necessary to apply for driver license; include corrections identification card. Amends sec. 307 of [1949 PA 300](#) (MCL [257.307](#)).

[HB 5179](#) (Schuitmaker) Criminal procedure; sentencing; certain records necessary to obtain identification documents; assist convicted persons in obtaining. Amends sec. 14, ch. XI of [1927 PA 175](#) (MCL [771.14](#)).

Date position was adopted:

October 29, 2009

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:

19

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

11 Voted for position
0 Voted against position
8 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The committee supported the legislation because of the existing requirements and need for identification in today's society.

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-5176>

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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:

The committee believed the legislation to be Keller permissible because of the requirement of identification to access public buildings where hearings are taking place. Identification is also required before signatures can be verified by notary publics for many pleadings required to be filed with the court.