

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING
HOUSE BILLS 4947 THROUGH 4966
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WHEREAS, House Bills 4947 through 4966 would treat seventeen-year-olds as juveniles rather than adults; and

WHEREAS, changing state statutes to define seventeen-year-old defendants as eligible for services in the juvenile justice system, will place pressure on an already under-funded court system; and

WHEREAS, this action will also place another unfunded mandate on counties; and

WHEREAS, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections, from 2003 to 2013, there were 19,118 seventeen year olds that went through the criminal court system. This does not include additional offenders with lower level offenses; and

WHEREAS, Crawford County has concerns that the probate court system does not have the financial resources or capacity to handle a new population of offenders; and

WHEREAS, without additional state funding, Crawford County could not absorb the costs of programming for this population in the juvenile system and services to younger offenders would be negatively affected.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the Michigan Legislature to oppose House Bills 4947 through 4966 as written; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Crawford County Clerk will send a copy of this resolution to State Senator Darwin Bocher, Representative Bruce Rendon and the Michigan Association of Counties.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

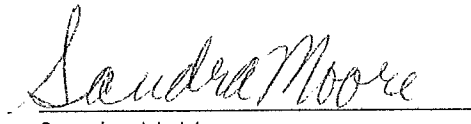
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| Commissioner Jamison | Yes | Commissioner McClain | Yes |
| Commissioner Priebe | Yes | Commissioner Stephenson | Yes |
| Commissioner Pinkelman | Yes | Commissioner Anderson | Yes |
| Commissioner Lewis | Yes | | |

ADOPTED DATE: December 17, 2015

I, Sandra Moore, Clerk of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Crawford, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board on December 17, 2015.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court at Grayling, Michigan, this 17th day of December 2015.


David J. Stephenson, Chair
Crawford County Board of Commissioners


Sandra M. Moore
Clerk/ROD

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners, held at the Wexford County Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan on the seventeenth day of December, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael MacCready, Leslie Housler, Robert Hilty, Mark Howie, Gideon Mitchell, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, John Fuscone, and Bill Goodwill;

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Taylor and supported by Commissioner Theobald.

**RESOLUTION 15-31
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILLS 4947 THROUGH 4966**

WHEREAS, House Bills 4947 through 4966 would treat seventeen-year-olds as juveniles rather than adults;

WHEREAS, By changing state statutes to define seventeen-year-old defendants as eligible for services in the juvenile justice system, this places pressure on an already under-funded court system and constitutes an unfunded mandate on counties;

WHEREAS, According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, from 2003 to 2013, there were 19,118 seventeen year olds that went through the criminal court system; with additional offenders with lower level offenses not counted in those numbers.

WHEREAS, Wexford County has concerns that the probate court system does not have the financial resources or capacity to handle a new population of offenders;

WHEREAS, Without additional state funding, Wexford County could not absorb the costs of programming for this population in the juvenile system and services to younger offenders could be negatively affected.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Wexford County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the Governor and Michigan Legislature to not pass House Bills 4947 through 4966 as written; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution is forwarded to Governor Snyder, Senator Darwin Booher, Representative Phil Potvin and the Michigan Association of Counties.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Hilty, Howie, Mitchell, Theobald, Taylor, Fuscone, Goodwill, MacCready, and Housler;

NAYS: None