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Inside Michigan Politics 2015 Senate Rankings: Warren Most Liberal for 5th Straight Year, Hune Most Conservative

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For the fifth straight year, state Sen. **Rebekah Warren** (D-Ann Arbor) is the chamber's "Most Liberal" member. No other senator has achieved that feat in the almost three decades *Inside Michigan Politics* has been tracking votes.

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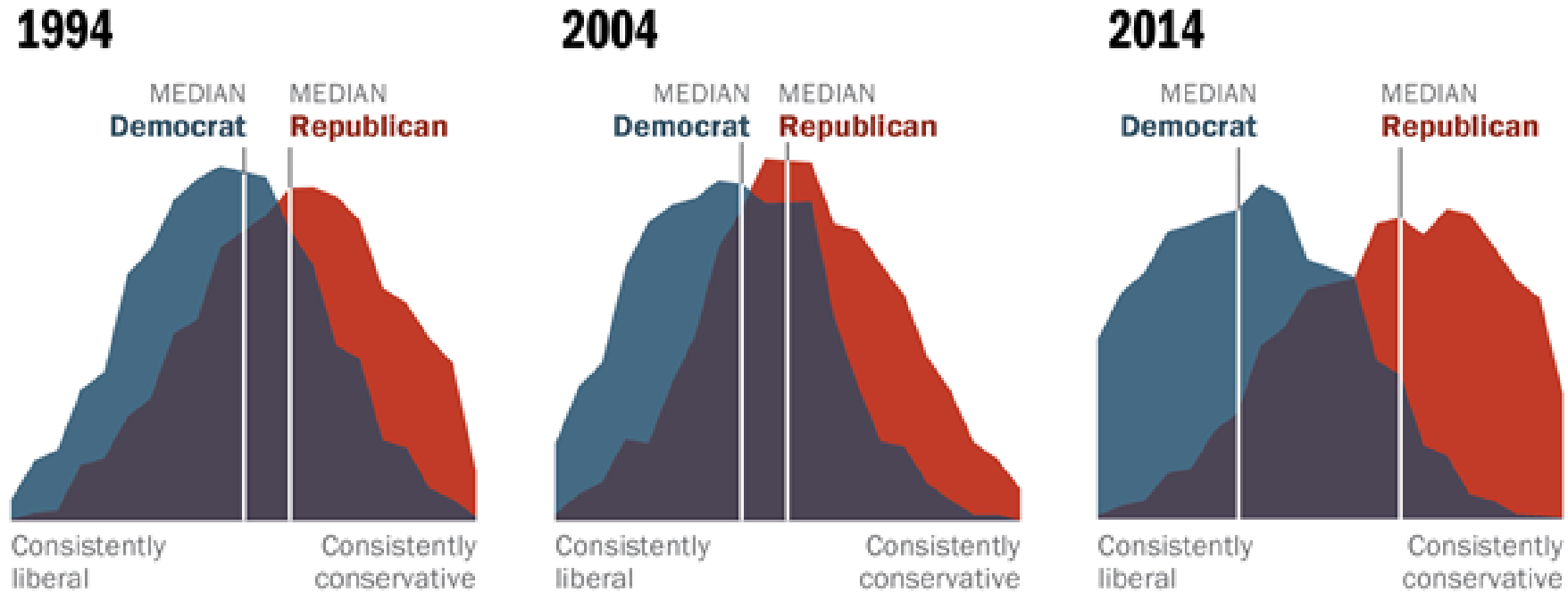
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Democrats and Republicans More Ideologically Divided than in the Past

Distribution of Democrats and Republicans on a 10-item scale of political values



Source: 2014 Political Polarization in the American Public

Notes: Ideological consistency based on a scale of 10 political values questions (see Appendix A). The blue area in this chart represents the ideological distribution of Democrats; the red area of Republicans. The overlap of these two distributions is shaded purple. Republicans include Republican-leaning independents; Democrats include Democratic-leaning independents (see Appendix B).

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Michigan Senate committee approves autism insurance coverage plan, calling it 'a moral public responsibility'



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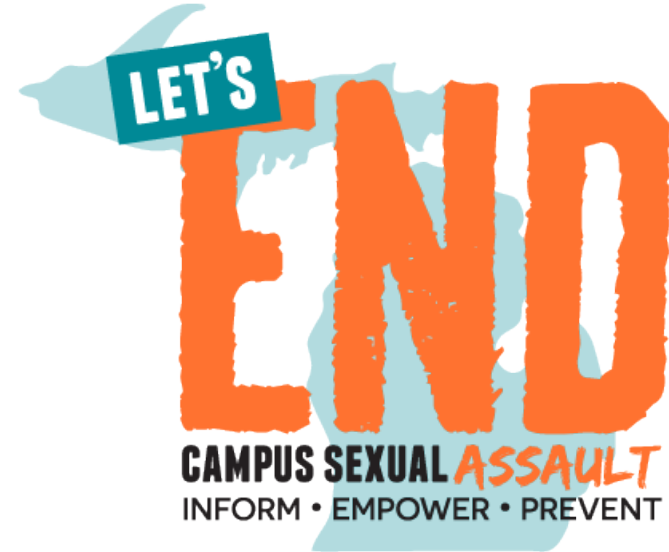
LANSING – Lawmakers said a package of bills requiring autism diagnosis and treatment coverage shouldn't be considered a mandate on insurers, but a "moral public responsibility."

A [series of bipartisan bills](#) sailed through the state Senate's Health Policy Committee on Thursday with support from both sides of the aisle.



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Red-clad autism awareness supporters cheered after the last of the bill package was approved by the Senate Health Policy Committee



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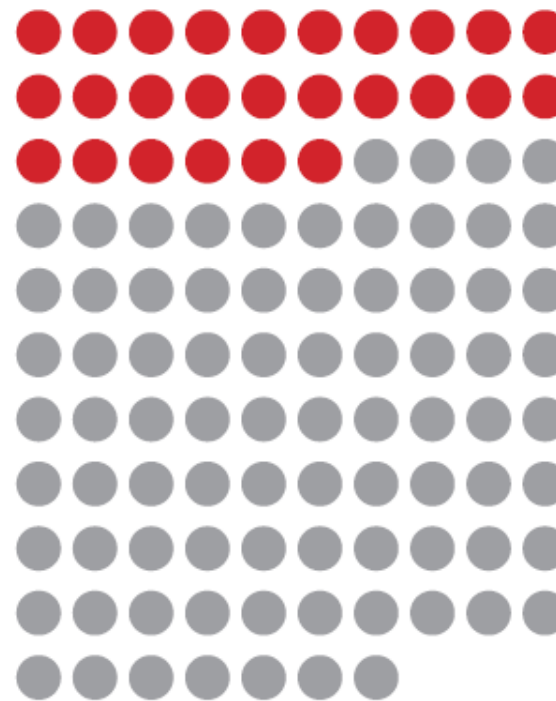
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only **four** of the
38 members of the
Michigan Senate
are women



———— MICHIGAN HOUSE ————

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Young People

- **Millennials (born 1978-1995) make up 29% of registered voters in metro Detroit, but comprise only 6% of board & commission members**
- **This lack of diversity often results in “representative government” that is not really representative.**

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