

Spring-Summer 2021 State Legislative Member Update
MCEDSV's Policy Team is currently engaged in the following issues:

- Lifting up the work of shelters and agencies and their frontline workers, who have done in-person, essential work throughout the COVID-19 crisis to ensure that they have the funding and tools they need to continue serving survivors.
- Centering survivor safety and access to meaningful justice in reforms to criminal procedure.
- Support HB 4091-4114 to enhance Michigan's response to Human Trafficking.
- Support SB 223 to ensure that school districts have sufficient tools and provide students the information necessary to prevent and respond to sexual assault.
- Support SB 224–27 to ensure that sexual assault committed under the auspices of medical treatment receives an adequate response from the criminal justice system.
- Support legislation to remove the so-called “tampon tax” (SB 153-54, HB 4270-71) which would not only benefit those survivors who menstruate but would also allow benefit shelters that provide these products.
- Support HB 4275 to clarify protection for natural hair to end this form of discrimination against BIPOC survivors, which will help survivors by eliminating one of the many barriers they confront.
- Support HB 4297 to secure critical protections for LGBT people, which among other things will make survivors with those identities less vulnerable to continued abuse.
- Expand statutes of limitations for sexual assault in a manner similar to HB 4306 and 4307, and consider how those expansions could help more survivors.
- Ensuring legislators have access to accurate information about how the civil justice system, including divorce and custody proceedings, affects survivors.



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