The Michigan Supreme Court issued a proposed amendment to MCR 3.906, limiting the use of restraints on youth during court proceedings. This proposed rule would eliminate the use of restraints such as handcuffs or chains both during the proceedings and as the youth is being brought into the court, unless necessary for safety reasons.

The Michigan Psychological Association supports the elimination of the use of restraints during the proceedings and when youth are being brought into court, except in cases where there is imminent risk of harm to a youth or others. As such, the Michigan Psychological Association is in support of the addition of Rule 3.906 of the Michigan Court Rules. Furthermore, the Michigan Psychological Association recommends that all law enforcement be trained in de-escalation techniques and in safe techniques for the use of mechanical restraints.

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