

**Public Policy Position
HB 5610**

The Children's Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 471 members. The Children's Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Children's Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Children's Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 19 members. On April 18, 2024, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 10 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 1 member voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 7 members did not vote.

Support

Explanation:

The Children's Law Section supports HB 5610, which would reduce the time for a mental health provider to produce records during a child abuse or neglect investigation from 14 to 7 days. The section believes that this shorter time period will help speed up investigations, which will lead to children more timely being removed from harmful situations and baseless allegations more quickly being dismissed with case closure.

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