

**Public Policy Position
SB 0053**

The Children's Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 480 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 February 17, 2023, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 13 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 6 members did not vote.

Oppose

Explanation:

Children's Law Section opposes SB 53. It does not serve any legitimate purpose and serves to make confidential records regarding children more likely to be exposed to public view, which is not in the best interest of children. This is particularly concerning in that it is not difficult for someone to obtain press credentials, even if they are not associated with major news sources. Further, Children's Law Section is concerned about the potential that these proposed amendments to the law may run afoul of federal law. Among members present at the February 16, 2023, meeting, opposition to the bill was unanimous.

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