

**Public Policy Position  
SB 257**

The Children's Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 495 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. The State Bar's position is to oppose SB 0257. The Bar strongly supports courtroom transparency, but believes that this issue is properly addressed by the Court, not the Legislature. The State Bar stands ready to partner with the Court to develop an appropriate, uniform rule governing access to court recordings.

The Children's Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 19 members. On May 18, 2023, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 9 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 9 members did not vote.

**Oppose****Explanation:**

Children's Law Section opposes SB 257 due to concerns that recordings of hearings involving children, particularly circumstances when children testify, could be posted to social media and cause harm to children in those cases.

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