

**Public Policy Position
HB 4257 to HB 4260**

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,683 members. The Family Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Family Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on these bills.

The Family Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 21 members. On April 1, 2023, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 15 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 5 members did not vote.

Oppose

Explanation:

Although the bills would amend the penal code, the Family Law Section believes this is within the jurisdiction of the Section because medical and mental health decisions for divorced, separated, and unmarried parents are adjudicated in the Family Court, and decisions regarding same are legal custody decisions. As such, the Section opposes the bills, which would not deny a child gender affirming care, but criminalize such care for all adults involved.

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