

**Public Policy Position
HB 4471**

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,458 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 this item.

The Family Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 22 members. On May 4, 2019, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 14 members voted in favor of the Section's position on HB 4471, 0 members voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 7 members did not vote.

Oppose

Explanation:

The Family Law Section believes that placements allowing religious principles to be applied and based upon sincerely held religious beliefs can be appropriate in private referrals to private adoption agencies where there is no government funding provided for the adoption in question.

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