

Public Policy Position SB 0083

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 this item.

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. 14 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 1 member voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 5 members did not vote.

Explanation:

The Family Law Section supports the concept of an "extreme risk protection order", but not this specific bill as worded. The current bill raises too many concerns over due process, in that a respondent may be required to give up his/her firearms "immediately" and become subject to arrest, criminal prosecution and contempt powers, potentially without receiving actual notice of the order, providing him/her no opportunity to comply and no due process.

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