

**Public Policy Position
SB 1177**

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 October 8, 2022, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 11 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 9 members did not vote.

Support

Explanation:

Family Law Council almost universally agreed that Michigan should join the majority of states that permit surrogacy contracts, and must decriminalize such contracts. Bills as drafted do not provide for compensation to surrogate, but does allow for reimbursement for expenses and lost wages, which is reasonable.

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