

## Public Policy Position SB 0514

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,649 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. The State Bar's position on this bill is to be neutral on the bill due to the absence of a fee waiver for indigent parties and parties represented by pro bono counsel in civil matters.

The Family Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 21 members. On October 21, 2023, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 10 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 10 members did not vote.

### Support with Recommended Amendments

#### Explanation

Overall there was support for an increase in original transcript fees, but there was some disagreement as to whether copies, which are generally emailed as PDF files as opposed to paper copies, warranted the proposed increase in the bill. Family Law Section supports the bill with the following amendments, (1) support the new cost structure in the bill for original transcripts; (2) delete any increase in cost for copies of transcripts; and (3) Cap the cost for emailed electronic copies to \$10 per trial/hearing day.

**Contact Person:** James Chryssikos

**Email:** [jwc@chryssikoslaw.com](mailto:jwc@chryssikoslaw.com)