

**Public Policy Position  
SB 0053**

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,673 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 March 4, 2023, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 20 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 1 member did not vote.

**Oppose**

**Explanation:**

Family Law Section cannot think of any viable reason why individual legislators or the media would need access to confidential records of a minor child's abuse or neglect case, and certainly none that would outweigh the substantial interest in protecting the privacy rights of the child. Also concerned that the language of the bill enables an individual legislator to request records as long as he/she is a sitting member of the legislature at the time of the request, meaning that individual would be entitled to records after they leave the legislature, as long as they were members when the request was made, which is highly inappropriate.

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