

## FAMILY LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0811

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The Family Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan itself, but rather a Section which members of the State Bar choose voluntarily to join, based on common professional interest.

The position expressed is that of the Family Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Family Law Section is 2,962.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 21. The number who voted in favor to this position was 18. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0. The number who abstained was 1.

**Report on Public Policy Position****Name of section:**

Family Law Section

**Contact person:**

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[SB 0811](#) (Warren) Family law; other; surrogate parenting act; repeal, and establish the gestational surrogate parentage act. Creates new act.

**Date position was adopted:**

March 5, 2016

**Process used to take the ideological position:**

Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting.

**Number of members in the decision-making body:**

21

**Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:**

18 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

1 Abstained from vote

2 Did not vote (absent)

**Position:**

Support

**Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:**

SB 811 repeals the criminalization of surrogate parenting and regulates the practice. Michigan is one of a handful of states that has prohibited surrogate parenting. Surrogate parenting in this bill contemplates the implantation of a woman's fertilized egg into a surrogate mother, and establishes the respective rights of the parties to the transaction in an appropriate manner. The Family Law Section supports this bill.

**The text of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report.**<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-SB-0811>