

**Public Policy Position
SB 0790**

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,498 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 in this matter is to oppose SB 0790.

The Family Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 21 members. On March 7, 2020, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 11 members voted in favor of the Section's position on SB 0790, 6 members voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 3 members did not vote.

Oppose

Explanation:

Opposition to this bill stems largely from the viewpoint that the legislature is seeking to regulate the operation of state courts, which is more appropriately done through court rules, as opposed to legislation. There already exist court rules, including, but not limited to MCR 8.119, which provides for public access to court records. The effort to legislatively impose rules and regulations on courts regarding availability of videos of court proceedings is a legislative overreach on the judicial branch.

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