

Public Policy Position**HB 5207; HB 5208; HB 5210; HB 5211; HB 5212; HB 5213; HB 5214; HB 5215**

The LGBTQ+ Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 248 members. The LGBTQ+ Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the LGBTQ+ Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The LGBTQ+ Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 14 members. On October 30, 2023, the Section adopted its position after an electronic discussion and vote. 13 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 0 members did not vote.

Support**Explanation:**

The LGBTQ+ Law Section supports this package of bills to promote fair and equal access to legal parentage rights for LGBTQ+ families. Together, these bills will work to ensure that legal parentage is available and accessible to lgbtq+ and other nontraditional families, including those who utilize surrogacy and assisted reproductive technology (ART). This includes explicitly making presumed parentage and the affidavit of parentage available to all parents, regardless of gender, as well as formally defining ART to be more inclusive.

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