



Report on Public Policy Position

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Family Law Section

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Bill Number:

SB 477 (Jansen) Family law; child custody; child custody disputes that have been arbitrated; require courts to resolve in accordance with domestic relations arbitration provisions of the RJA. Amends sec. 4 of 1970 PA 91 (MCL 722.24).

Date position was adopted:

May 5, 2007

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:

17 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

4 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

SB 476 and SB 477 are designed to fix the Domestic Relations Arbitration Act so that it would work the way that it was originally intended to work. SB 477 allows the Court to consider an arbitration award regarding custody, parenting time or child support when making its determination. The Council supports this bill.

The text (may be provided by hyperlink) of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report:

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2007-SB-0477>