

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Family Law Section

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Bill Number:

[HB 4131](#) (Smith) Children; adoption; second parent adoption; provide for. Amends secs. 24 & 51 of [1939 PA 288](#) (MCL [710.24](#) & [710.51](#)).

Date position was adopted:

April 4, 2009

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:

13 Voted for position

2 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

6 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

HB 4131 is a reintroduction of the second parent adoption bill that the Family Law Section supported last term. It allows two unmarried persons to petition to adopt a child. The bill would increase the number of potential adoptive homes for children and provide children with stable families. The Family Law Section reaffirms its support for 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?2009-HB-4131>