

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

Family Law Section

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[SB 1118](#) (Gilbert) Children; parental rights; provision relating to termination of parental rights; modify. Amends sec. 17, ch. XII of [1939 PA 288](#) (MCL [712.17](#)).

[SB 1119](#) (Jacobs) Children; parental rights; procedure for proof of termination; modify. Amends sec. 15, ch. XII of [1939 PA 288](#) (MCL [712.15](#)).

[SB 1120](#) (Hunter) Children; parental rights; provision relating to parent who voluntarily surrendered a child to an emergency service provider; eliminate. Amends sec. 19b, ch. XIII of [1939 PA 288](#) (MCL [712A.19b](#)).

Date position was adopted:

March 6, 2010

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:

19 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

2 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

SBs 1118, 1119, and 1120 seek to amend the Safe Delivery of Newborns Act so that it works within the Juvenile Code. If a parent files a custody action within 28 days of the surrender, these bills authorize the court to order the child placing agency to petition the court for jurisdiction under the Juvenile Code, rather than having the court summarily terminate parental rights. This provides the court with more flexibility and greater options than a straight termination. The Family Law Section supports these bills.

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?2010-SB-1118>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2010-SB-1119>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2010-SB-1120>