

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Family Law Section

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Bill Number:

[HB 4249](#) (Irwin) Children; adoption; second parent adoption; provide for. Amends secs. 24, 41 & 51, ch. X of [1939 PA 288](#) (MCL [710.24](#) et seq.).

Date position was adopted:

March 5, 2011

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:

HB 4249 amends the adoption code to allow two unmarried persons to petition to adopt a child. This bill would widen the scope of families available to adopt children, and benefit children who currently remain in foster care. The Family Law Section supports 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?2011-HB-4249>