

**Public Policy Position
HB 5220**

The Children's Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 498 members. The Children's Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Children's Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Children's Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 19 members. On December 18, 2025, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 10 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 8 members did not vote.

Oppose

Explanation:

The Children's Law Section opposes HB 5220. While we do not oppose to training for mandated reporters in theory, this bill does not appear to accomplish whatever goals may lie in offering such training. Without explanation of why mandated reporters need regular training or how the lack of continuing education is negatively impacting children right now, the Section views the bill as a solution in search of a problem. Additionally, the bill does not delineate what the training will entail or who will provide it, and we found some of the language within the bill ("the time period used to complete the continuing education will count toward the time period described under this subsection") was confusing.

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