

**Public Policy Position
SB 218**

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 May 15, 2025, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 12 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 6 members did not vote.

Support in concept with recommendation to suggest revisions to bill sponsor**Explanation:**

The Children's Law Section supports the concept of creating a path for reinstatement of parental rights. Overall, the Section supports SB 218 as drafted. However, the Section did have a few questions and concerns about the bill as drafted, particularly as it pertains to reinstating rights as it pertains to children who are younger than 14 and situations in which MCI is not a party to the case. The Section seeks to work with the bill sponsor to improve and refine the draft before providing unqualified support.

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