

**Public Policy Position  
SB 35**

The Children's Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 490 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 March 20, 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, 1 member voted against this position, 2 members abstained, 4 members did not vote.

**Oppose****Explanation:**

The Children's Law Section opposes SB 35 because of concerns that mandated reports and potential investigations of newborns who are affected by any amount of substances, even if the substances are prescribed during childbirth, will do more harm than good to children and families, particularly people of color who are already disproportionately harmed by Michigan's child welfare system.

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