

**Public Policy Position
SB 522 and SB 523**

The Children's Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 504 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 October 16, 2025, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 11 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 2 members abstained, 6 members did not vote.

Support in Concept with Proposed Changes Based on Previous Positions**Explanation:**

The Children's Law Section Council supports SBs 522 & 523 in concept but suggests that 523 in particular be amended consistent with proposed changes to MCL 722.638 which the Council provided to the Legislature earlier this year. The Council supports the addition of human trafficking as a basis for termination of parental rights and aggravated circumstances and does not object to the use of "human trafficking" over "commercial sexual activity" as the Council had previously suggested to the Legislature. The Council suggests integrating other changes which had been suggested for the aggravated circumstances provisions, though.

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