

## CHILDREN'S LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4298 – HB 4300

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The Children's Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan itself, but rather a Section which members of the State Bar choose voluntarily to join, based on common professional interest.

The position expressed is that of the Children's Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Children's Law Section is 529.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 19. The number who voted in favor to this position was 10. The number who voted opposed to this position was 1. The number who abstained from voting was 2.

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Children's Law Section

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**Bill Numbers:**

[HB 4298](#) (Kosowski) Children; protection; electronic video recording of child interrogations in child protection cases; require. Amends [1975 PA 238](#) (MCL [722.621](#) - [722.638](#)) by adding sec. 8f.

[HB 4299](#) (Runestad) Criminal procedure; evidence; consideration of videorecorded statements in certain proceedings; allow. Amends sec. 2163a of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.2163a](#)).

[HB 4300](#) (Hornberger) Children; protection; videorecorded statements; allow to be used in child protective services hearings, increase fines for improper release of, and require to be retained for certain period of time. Amends sec. 17b, ch. XIIA of [1939 PA 288](#) (MCL 712A.17b).

**Date position was adopted:**

March 16, 2017

**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:**

19

**Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:**

10 Voted for position

1 Voted against position

2 Abstained from vote

6 Did not vote (absent)

**Position:**

Support

**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?2017-HB-4298> ; <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2017-HB-4299>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2017-HB-4300>

**FOR LEGISLATIVE ISSUES ONLY:**

This position falls within the following Keller-permissible category:

- The regulation and discipline of attorneys
- ✓ The improvement of the functioning of the courts
- The availability of legal services to society
- The regulation of attorney trust accounts
- The regulation of the legal profession, including the education, the ethics, the competency, and the integrity of the profession.