

**Public Policy Position
HB 6292**

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,699 members. The Family Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Family Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Family Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 21 members. On September 17, 2022, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 19 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 1 member did not vote.

Support with Recommended Amendments

Explanation:

The Family Law Section supports HB 6292, as it expands, clarifies and promotes uniformity for video recorded statements of children. However, the Section believes that paragraph 8f(1) should include a sentence stating "All video recordings under this section shall visually include both the interviewer and the interviewee." This will minimize concerns about bias or leading questions and demeanor of the interviewer, increasing confidence in the interviewee's responses. The Family Law Section further recommends an additional paragraph addressing how the cost of the recordings will be paid and by whom, as well as who/what agency shall store the recordings and for how long.

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