

**Public Policy Position
SB 1107**

The Family Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,580 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 December 5, 2020, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 20 members voted in favor of the Section's position on SB 1107, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 1 member did not vote.

Support with Recommended Amendments

Explanation:

Family Law Section supports the bill with an amendment that at least one member of the Family Law Section and one member of Children's Law Section, including at least one individual who has completed GAL training and served as a GAL in court proceedings, be on the foster care task force. The bill currently provides that the Chief Justice shall appoint one family court judge and one family court administrator, and also provides for representation of foster care workers. But the bill fails to provide representation for attorneys and legal representatives providing legal services within the foster care system.

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