

FAMILY LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0743

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

The State Bar's position on this matter is support.

The total membership of the Family Law Section is 2,481.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 21. The number who voted in favor to this position was 19. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

Report on Public Policy Position**Name of section:**

Family Law Section

Contact person:

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E-Mail:weichmannk@att.net**Bill Number:**[SB 0743](#) (Jones) Children; abduction; uniform child abduction prevention act; create. Creates new act.**Date position was adopted:**

April 14, 2012

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:

21

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

19 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

2 Did not vote

Position:

Support and Amend

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

SB 743 is the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act, which sets out procedures to forestall a potential abduction of a child. We have suggested a few amendments that will make it clear that the act should not be used against a victim of domestic violence who is fleeing or preparing to flee from the perpetrator. The Family Law Section supports SB 743 with those amendments.

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?2011-SB-0743>