

CHILDREN'S LAW SECTION

Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0994 – SB 0997

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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 619.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 17. The number who voted in favor to this position was 12. The number who voted opposed to this position was 1.

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Children's Law Section

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Bill Number:

[SB 0994](#) (Jones) Children; parental rights; process to allow the reinstatement of terminated parental rights; create. Amends [1939 PA 288](#) (MCL [710.21](#) - 712B.41) by adding sec. 21a to ch. XIIA.

[SB 0995](#) (Jones) Children; foster care; keeping siblings together in foster care placements; require under certain conditions. Amends secs. 2 & 4a of [1994 PA 203](#) (MCL [722.952](#) & [722.954a](#)).

[SB 0996](#) (Jones) Children; children's rights; rights for siblings to be placed together in foster care or to have sibling visitation; establish. Amends secs. 13a & 18f, ch. XIIA of [1939 PA 288](#) (MCL 712A.13a & 712A.18f).

[SB 0997](#) (Jones) Family law; parenting time; regular and frequent parenting time for foster children; provide for. Amends secs. 13a & 18, ch. XIIA of [1939 PA 288](#) (MCL 712A.13a & 712A.18).

Date position was adopted:

June 12, 2014

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:

17

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

12 Voted for position

1 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

4 Did not vote

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?2014-SB-0994>

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