



Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section:

Children's Law Section

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Bill Number:

HB 4420 (Sheen) Children; abuse or neglect; circumstances under which an investigation may commence; revise. Amends sec. 8 of 1975 PA 238 (MCL 722.628).

Date position was adopted:

5/11/05

Process used to take the ideological position:

Referred to CLS Legislative Committee. Unanimous vote to recommend Council oppose. Unanimous vote by Council to oppose.

Number of members in the decision-making body:

19

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

16 to 0 to OPPOSE

FOR SECTIONS ONLY:

- ✓ This subject matter of this position is within the jurisdiction of the section.
- ✓ The position was adopted in accordance with the Section's bylaws.
- ✓ The requirements of SBM Bylaw Article VIII have been satisfied.

If the boxes above are checked, SBM will notify the Section when this notice is received, at which time the Section may advocate the position.

Position:

The CLS voted 16 to 0 to OPPOSE this bill for the following reasons:

- This bill would likely have little, if any, positive effect because:
 - a) This bill would only provide a subtle change in the Child Protection Law's requirement of when DHS shall request to the assistance of law enforcement and when DHS shall file a petition.
 - b) This bill has no effect on when DHS may request the assistance of law enforcement and when DHS may file a petition.
 - c) This bill has no effect on the Juvenile Code or the related court rules, which dictate when the court may take jurisdiction of children and when they can be removed from their parents.

The text (may be provided by hyperlink) of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report:

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.asp?page=getObject&objName=2005-HB-4420>