

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section: Family Law Section

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Bill Number:

SB 34 (Switalski) Criminal procedure; sentencing; requirement of presentence report for nonpayment of support; eliminate. Amends sec. 14, ch. XI of 1927 PA 175 (MCL 771.14).

Date position was adopted:

March 10, 2007

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:

17 Voted for position0 Voted against position0 Abstained from vote4 Did not vote

Position:

Oppose

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

SB 34 would exempt felony non-support convictions from presentence reporting by the probation officer. It isn't clear why non-support should be the only felony exempted from this requirement, especially where these reports could be useful in determining the appropriate sentence for people convicted under felony non-support.

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://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2007-SB-0034