

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Family Law Section

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**Bill Number:**

[HB 4925](#) (Law, D.) Children; abduction; uniform child abduction prevention act; create. Creates new act.

**Date position was adopted:**

February 2, 2008

**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:**

15 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

6 Did not vote

**Position:**

Support and Amend

**Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:**

HB 4925 is the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act. Instead of focusing on remedies for abductions that have already occurred, the UCAPA focuses on ways to prevent abductions in the first place. Many of these remedies fall within the present authority of the court, but the UCAPA sets forth the criteria and remedies in a comprehensive manner. The Family Law Section supports this bill in principle, and offers to work with the sponsors regarding some specific drafting issues.

**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?2007-HB-4925>