

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Family Law Section

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**Bill Number:**

[HB 6265](#) (Espinoza) Family law; parenting time; great-grandparenting time; provide for. Amends secs. 2 & 7b of [1970 PA 91](#) (MCL [722.22](#) & [722.27b](#)).

**Date position was adopted:**

October 4, 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

0 Abstained from vote

6 Did not vote

**Position:**

Oppose

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

HB 6265 would expand the grandparenting time statute to apply to great-grandparents as well. This would add eight potential contestants for a child's time, and would only be useful for great-grandparents who could not obtain derivative visitation through their children or grandchildren. Any potential benefit of gaining great-grandparenting time over the objection of the parent is outweighed by adding contestants and layers of conflict to the child's life. The Family Law Section opposes this bill.

**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?2008-HB-6265>