

**Report on Public Policy Position****Name of section:**

Family Law Section

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**Bill Number:**

[SB 0227](#) (Clark-Coleman) Children; guardians; guardianship assistance act; clarify. Amends title & secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 9 of [2008 PA 260](#) (MCL [722.871](#) et seq.); adds secs. 5a & 5b & repeals secs. 7 & 10 of 2008 PA 260 (MCL [722.877](#) & [722.880](#)).

**Date position was adopted:**

April 4, 2009

**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:**

Support

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

SB 227 is a reintroduction of a bill the Family Law Section supported last term. It allows guardians who are related to the child placed in their care to obtain assistance payments if they are otherwise qualified. The Family Law Section renews its support for 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?2009-SB-0227>