

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:

Family Law Section

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Bill Number:

[HB 5715](#) (Spade) Family law; child support; annual child support fee; impose. Amends title & secs. 3 & 6 of [1971 PA 174](#) (MCL [400.233](#) & [400.236](#)).

Date position was adopted:

February 6, 2010

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:

19 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

2 Did not vote

Position:

Support and Amend

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

HB 5715 provides statutory authorization for the federal requirement that states assess a \$25 annual fee against a recipient of support who has never received TANF benefits, after the first \$500 dollars is collected in that year. The bill should refer to "recipient of support" rather than "individuals" and should clarify that the \$500 is an annual collection requirement. The Family Law Section supports the bill if these amendments are made.

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-HB-5715>