FAMILY LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0527

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The Family Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan itself, but rather a Section which members of the State Bar choose voluntarily to join, based on common professional interest.

The position expressed is that of the Family Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Family Law Section is 2,481.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 21. The number who voted in favor to this position was 20. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

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Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:
Family Law Section

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Bill Number:
SB 0527 (Caswell) Civil procedure; costs and fees; fees for actions involving child custody, support, or parenting time; require payment at time action is filed. Amends sec. 2529 of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.2529).

Date position was adopted:
October 5, 2013

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:
20 Voted for position
0 Voted against position
0 Abstained from vote
1 Did not vote

Position:
Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:
SB 527 requires the Friend of the Court judgment fees be paid at the time of filing the action. This clarifies current procedure, which varies from circuit to circuit. The Family Law Section supports 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?2013-SB-0527