FAMILY LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 0530

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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 0530 (Caswell) Family law; friend of the court; powers and duties of office of child support; modify, and provide other general amendments. Amends secs. 9, 12, 13, 15, 22 & 26 of 1982 PA 294 (MCL 552.509 et seq.).

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 530 updates the FOC act to refer to collection and disbursement by the SDU, and refers to DHS and OCS as the IV-D agency, which allows for future changes without revisiting the statute. It also replaces references to ADR with Domestic Relations mediation, and strikes the separate FOC qualifications in favor of the SCAO standards. 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-0530