FAMILY LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4744

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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 2,792.

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 18. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0. The number who abstained from voting was 0.

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STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:
Family Law Section

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Bill Number:
HB 4744 (Kesto) Family law; parenting time; reference to the uniform interstate family support act (UIFSA); update. Amends sec. 2 of 1982 PA 295 (MCL 552.602).

Date position was adopted:
September 12, 2015

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:
18 Voted for position
0 Voted against position
0 Abstained from vote
3 Did not vote (absent)

Position:
Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:
This is part of a 4 bill package (HB 4742-4745) that would enact the updated version of the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA). States are required to enact UIFSA in 2015 or they will lose federal funding of their child support program. The updated UIFSA extends to foreign countries as well as other states, and allows parties to consent to continuing jurisdiction in a state even if both parties have moved out of this state. HB 4744 updates references to UIFSA in the support and parenting time statute. 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?2015-HB-4744