

**Public Policy Position
SB 999**

The Children's Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 567 members. The Children's Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Children's Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Children's Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 19 members. On November 21, 2024, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 14 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 1 member abstained, 4 members did not vote.

Support

Explanation:

The Children's Law Section opposes SB 999. We are unsure of the necessity of this bill or how it improves outcomes for children and families. The bill could result in less privacy for children whose families are subject to CPS investigation, which is contrary to the stated goals of child welfare law. Additionally, publicizing an investigation of child abuse or neglect could cause irreparable reputational damage to those who are investigated, even if the allegations prove to be untrue. If anything, this bill will cause harm to children and families while doing little, if anything, to benefit them.

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