CHILDREN'S LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4647

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The Children's 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 Children's 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 Children's Law Section is 492.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 19. The number who voted in favor to this position was 7. The number who voted opposed to this position was 1. The number who abstained was 2.

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Report on Public Policy Position

Name of section:
Children's Law Section

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Bill Number:
HB 4647 (O'Brien) Children; adoption; supervisory period for infants less than 1 year of age placed for adoption; modify. Amends sec. 56, ch. X of 1939 PA 288 (MCL 710.56).

Date position was adopted:
May 9, 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:
19

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:
7 Voted for position
1 Voted against position
2 Abstained from vote
9 Did not vote

Position:
Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:
It allows a family to finalize an adoption of an infant in an expedited manner by requiring only social worker visit instead of two and reduces the time for finalization of the adoption to 3 months.

The Children's Law Section is in support of House Bill 4647 as written.

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-HB-4647