FAMILY LAW SECTION
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HB 4662

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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 11. The number who voted opposed to this position was 6.

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**Report on Public Policy Position**

**Name of section:**
Family Law Section

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**Bill Number:**
HB 4662 (Kowall) Children; parental rights; notice to putative father regarding certain hearings; revise. Amends sec. 37, ch. X of 1939 PA 288 (MCL 710.37).

**Date position was adopted:**
June 1, 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:**
11 Voted for position
6 Voted against position
0 Abstained from vote
4 Did not vote

**Position:**
Support

**Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:**
HB 4662 provides that failure of a father to register with the Responsible Father Registry allows the court to permanently terminate his parental rights. This does not apply to fathers who have signed and acknowledgment of parentage or have been determined to be the father by an order of filiation. 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-HB-4662