

**Public Policy Position  
HB 5445**

The American Indian Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 273 members. The American Indian Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the American Indian Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The American Indian Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 12 members. On February 16, 2026, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 10 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 2 members did not vote.

**Support with recommended amendments**

**Explanation:**

Support with Recommended Amendments: §1011(4)(a), §1011(4)(b), and §1011(5) must include a minimum of one hour of instruction/training on identification, notice, and placement requirements under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA), with additional training encouraged.

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