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**To:** Members of the House Judiciary Committee

**From:** Family & Juvenile Law Section Council (FJLSC)

**Date:** February 9, 2023

**Subject: House Bill 267:**  
Family Law - Custody and Visitation - Notice of Intent to Travel (Maryland Child Abduction Prevention Act)

**Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT**

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The Maryland State Bar Association (MHBA) FJLSC **supports with amendment House Bill 267:** Family Law - Custody and Visitation - Notice of Intent to Travel (Maryland Child Abduction Prevention Act).

This testimony is submitted on behalf of the Family and Juvenile Law Section Council (“FJLSC”) of the Maryland State Bar Association (“MHBA”). The FJLSC is the formal representative of the Family and Juvenile Law Section of the MHBA, which promotes the objectives of the MHBA by improving the administration of justice in the field of family and juvenile law and, at the same time, tries to bring together the members of the MHBA who are concerned with family and juvenile laws and in reforms and improvements in such laws through legislation or otherwise. The FJLSC is charged with the general supervision and control of the affairs of the Section and authorized to act for the Section in any way in which the Section itself could act. The Section has over 1,200 attorney members.

The FJLSC supports the concept of HB 267 if amended to be consistent with the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act & to remove proposed section 9.7-105(f) restricting travel of parents with foreign citizenship. The FJLSC is in communication with HB 267’s sponsor and welcomes the opportunity to collaborate on amendments.

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