
To: Members of Education, Energy and the Environment Committee

From: Family Law Section Council

Date: March 1, 2024

Subject: **Senate Bill 867:**
General Assembly – Fiscal Notes – Family Impact Statements

Position: **OPPOSE/UNFAVORABLE**

The Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) Family Law Section Council (FLSC) **opposes Senate Bill 867: General Assembly – Fiscal Notes – Family Impact Statements.**

This testimony is submitted on behalf of the MSBA’s FLSC. The FLSC is the formal representative of the Family Law Section of the MSBA, which promotes the objectives of the MSBA 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 MSBA who are concerned with family and juvenile laws and in reforms and improvements in such laws through legislation or otherwise. The FLSC 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.

While the FLSC is concerned with the impact of bills & laws on Maryland families, in all their shapes & sizes, SB867 goes too far – prioritizing families by marriage to the exclusion of others and inviting speculation about a bill’s impact.

The FLSC urges an unfavorable report.

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