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To: Hon. John H. Chichester, Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee  
Senate of Virginia

Hon. Vincent F. Callahan, Jr., Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
House of Delegates

From: Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary  
Supreme Court of Virginia

Subject: Report Required by Item 34, Paragraph E, of the Appropriations Act  
Chapter 3, 2006 Acts of Assembly

**Applicable Budget Provision**

The 2006 Appropriations Act requires this office to report on actions taken to comply with the requirement that courts seek reimbursement from parents/guardians for the costs of services rendered by a guardian ad litem for children. This language is in Item 34, Paragraph E, and requires the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia to report August 1 and January 1 each year on the amounts paid for Guardian ad Litem purposes, amounts reimbursed by parents and/or guardians and the savings achieved.

**Compliance with Budget Requirements**

**Amounts paid for guardian ad litem purposes; amounts reimbursed by parents and/or guardians; savings achieved.** These three components of the required report are accounted for as follows for the months of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Amounts paid for guardians ad litem – \$ 10,770,638

Amounts assessed against parents – \$ 1,478,761

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Amounts collected from parents (savings) - \$ 968,338

If additional information is needed about the implementation of this budget requirement by the court system, please give me a call at 786-6455.

cc: Richard E. Hickman, Jr., Deputy Staff Director, Senate Finance Committee  
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