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To: Hon. John H. Chichester, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
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Hon. Vincent F. Callahan, Jr., Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
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From: Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary
Supreme Court of Virginia

Subject: Report Required by Item 34, Paragraph E, of the Appropriations Act
Chapter 951, 2005 Acts of Assembly

Applicable Budget Provision

The 2005 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 guardians 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 November 30, 2005.

- Amounts paid for guardians ad litem – \$ 4,535,454
- Amounts assessed against parents – \$ 601,081
- Amounts collected from parents (savings) - \$ 363,049

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

C: Richard E. Hickman, Jr., Deputy Staff Director
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Paul Van Lenten, House Appropriations Committee