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RE: Report on the amounts paid for Guardian ad Litem purposes, amounts reimbursed by parents and/or guardians and the savings achieved

Dear Chairmen:

Pursuant to Item 34, Paragraph E, of the 2007 Appropriations Act, the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia is required to submit a report on August 1 and January 1 each year 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. Please find below an account of the amounts paid for Guardian ad Litem purposes, amounts reimbursed by parents and/or guardians and the savings achieved for the months of July 1, 2007 through November 30, 2007.

- Amounts paid for guardians ad litem - \$ 5,443,950
- Amounts assessed against parents - \$ 687,056
- Amounts collected from parents (savings) - \$ 435,216

If additional information is needed about the implementation of this budget requirement by the court system, please do not hesitate to contact me at 786-6455.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Karl R. Hade in black ink.

Karl R. Hade

cc: Division of Legislative Automated Systems
Mr. Richard E. Hickman, Jr., Senate Finance Committee
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