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July 11, 2019

The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
Co-Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
Senate of Virginia
P.O. Box 6205
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The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.
Co-Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
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The Honorable S. Chris Jones
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
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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 Norment, Hanger, and Jones:

Pursuant to Virginia Code §16.1-267(C)(1), the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia is required to submit a report on August 1 and January 1 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. 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 from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

- Amounts paid for guardians ad litem -- \$ 22,377,572
- Amounts assessed against parents -- \$ 3,936,147
- Amounts collected from parents (savings) -- \$ 2,265,448

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If additional information is needed about the implementation of this statutory requirement by the court system, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KRH", written in a cursive style.

Karl R. Hade

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cc: Adam Rosatelli, Senate Finance Committee
David A. Reynolds, House Appropriations Committee
Sandra L. Karison, Director, Court Improvement Program
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