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July 7, 2020

The Honorable Janet D. Howell, Chair
Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee
Senate of Virginia
P.O. Box 2608
Reston, Virginia 20195-0608

The Honorable Luke E. Torian, Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Virginia House of Delegates
4222 Fortuna Plaza, Suite 659
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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 Chairs Howell and Torian:

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, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

- Amounts paid for guardians ad litem – \$ 19,963,435
- Amounts assessed against parents – \$ 3,671,652
- Amounts collected from parents (savings) – \$ 2,367,583

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

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K R HADE".

Karl R. Hade

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cc: Adam Rosatelli, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee
David A. Reynolds, House Appropriations Committee
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