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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, 2020, through November 30, 2020.

- Amounts paid for guardians ad litem \$ 8,177,201
- Amounts assessed against parents \$ 1,309,067
- Amounts collected from parents (savings) \$ 704,878

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,

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