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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas
Chair, Finance and Appropriations
Senate of Virginia
General Assembly Building, Room 1404
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable Luke E. Torian
Chair, Appropriations Committee
Virginia House of Delegates
General Assembly Building, Room 1223
201 North 9th Street,
Richmond, Virginia 23219

RE: Report on the amounts paid for guardian ad litem purposes, amounts reimbursed by parents and specified parties, and the savings achieved

Dear Chairs Lucas 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, or party with a legitimate interest who filed a petition, 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 by parties with a legitimate interest who filed a petition, and the savings achieved from July 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023.

- Amounts paid for guardians ad litem – \$ 9,319,196
- Amounts assessed against parents/specified parties – \$ 1,507,319
- Amounts collected from parents/specified parties (savings) – \$ 997,314

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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 at 786-6455.

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

KRH:jrs

cc: Catherine Robertson, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee
Andrea Peeks, House Appropriations Committee
Sandra L. Karison, Director, Court Improvement Program
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