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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas  
Chair, Finance and Appropriations  
Senate of Virginia  
P. O. Box 396  
Richmond, VA 23218

The Honorable Luke E. Torian  
Chair, Appropriations Committee  
Virginia House of Delegates  
P.O. Box 406  
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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, 2025, through November 30, 2025.

- Amounts paid for guardians ad litem – \$ 9,183,278
- Amounts assessed against parents/specified parties – \$ 1,402,221
- Amounts collected from parents/specified parties (savings) – \$ 966,709

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

Report to the General Assembly  
Guardians Ad Litem  
January 12, 2026  
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With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KRH' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karl R. Hade

KRH:jrs

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