

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1343

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Surovell

3. Committee: Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Reimbursement for cost of guardian ad litem.

5. Summary: Codifies the requirement that, for cases in which a guardian ad litem has been appointed, a judge shall order a parent, guardian with custody of the child, or other party with a legitimate interest who has filed a petition in such case to reimburse the Commonwealth for the costs of the guardian. The bill provides that if a party is unable to pay, the judge may reduce or eliminate the reimbursement. The bill further provides that the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court shall administer the guardian ad litem program.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the proposed legislation is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on court system resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None