

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1488

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

**2. Patron:** Marsden

**3. Committee:** Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Compensation of appointed counsel.

**5. Summary:** Requires a judge, in cases in which a guardian ad litem has been appointed for a child, to order the parent, parents, adoptive parent or parents of the child, or any other person with a legitimate interest who has filed a petition with the court, to reimburse the Commonwealth for the costs of the guardian ad litem. The bill provides that if a party is unable to pay, the judge may reduce or eliminate the reimbursement.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, the proposed legislation is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on agency operations.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** Similar to SB1343