

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 392

Short Title: GAL Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Ballance; East, Gulley, Kinnaird, Rand, and Wellons.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 13, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FOR AN
ADDITIONAL ATTORNEY POSITION FOR THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM
OFFICE AND FOR THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF A MANUAL
ON ABUSE AND NEGLECT LITIGATION FOR USE BY GUARDIAN AD
LITEM ATTORNEYS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Judicial Department the sum of sixty thousand six hundred fifteen dollars (\$60,615) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of sixty-seven thousand twenty-seven dollars (\$67,027) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to fund one additional attorney position in the guardian ad litem office effective October 1, 1997, to serve as a research and resource attorney on guardian ad litem matters, to serve as a legal resource to guardian ad litem attorneys by providing legal information and advice on legal issues facing guardian ad litem attorneys.

Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Judicial Department the sum of ten thousand eighty-seven dollars (\$10,087) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of eleven thousand seven hundred twenty-five dollars (\$11,725) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for the development, preparation, publication, and distribution of a manual on abuse and neglect litigation and for the training of guardian ad litem attorneys in the use of the litigation manual.

1 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.