



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** 12-0218      **Version:** 1      **Name:** Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$3,575 with offsetting revenue for the Public Defender to serve as Guardian ad Litem throughout the adoption process during Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) cases.

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
4/10/2012	1	Lake County Board	adopted	Pass
3/28/2012	1	Financial & Administrative Committee	recommended for adoption to the consent agenda	Pass
3/27/2012	1	Law & Judicial Committee	approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee	Pass

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- Adoption cases have been moved from the Waukegan Branch Court to the Depke Juvenile Justice Center in Vernon Hills.
- Few private attorneys are available to serve as Guardian ad Litem in the Vernon Hills in DCFS cases when parental rights have been terminated.
- The Courts have asked the Public Defender’s Office to serve as Guardian ad Litem throughout the adoption process during DCFS cases in exchange for attorney’s fees.
- An emergency appropriation of \$3,575 is required to spend the revenue generated from these fees on costs associated with these cases.

**WHEREAS**, the Public Defender’s Office served as the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) in DCFS abuse and neglect cases up until parental rights were terminated and a private attorney was appointed the GAL for purposes of the finalization of the adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, in November of 2011, adoption cases were moved from the Waukegan Branch Court to the Depke Juvenile Justice Center in Vernon Hills; and

**WHEREAS**, few private attorneys are available to serve as GAL for adoption cases after termination

of parental rights in the Vernon Hills area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Courts have asked the Public Defender's Office to serve as the GAL through the completion of the adoption process on DCFS cases in exchange for attorney's fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Defender's Office has received \$575 from these cases to date and it is necessary to deposit this money as revenue,

**WHEREAS**, the Public Defender's Office anticipates receiving an additional \$3,000 for these cases during the remainder of FY12; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency appropriation of \$3,575 is required to offset the costs associated with these cases; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$3,575 is approved and shall be deposited into account 101-3600010-71500-000-000-000-36001 with offsetting revenues received to date of \$575 deposited into account 101-3600010-46391-000-000-000-00000, with any additional revenue received to be deposited into the same account.

**DATED** at Waukegan, Illinois, on April 10, 2012.