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The Honorable Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore, North Carolina Senate
Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

The Honorable Tim Moore
Speaker, North Carolina House of Representatives
Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

Dear Senator and Representative:

G.S. 7A-343 provides that the NCAOC Director's duties include analyzing the use of contractual positions in the Judicial Department and, after consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, converting contractual positions to permanent positions when the Director determines that it is in the best interests of the Judicial Department to do so. This letter is intended to meet the consultation requirement prior to converting certain contractual positions to permanent positions.

At this time, we have determined that the conversion of four positions is necessary in the Guardian ad Litem program (GAL). Two positions need to be converted for more cost effective attorney representation. As such, we are requesting the conversion of two GAL contract attorney position into two GAL staff attorney positions. The positions will be focused on services in District 12 and District 18.

In Districts 7 and District 11, District Administrator positions were lost in the VRIF of 2011. While contractors have filled some staff functions, the districts have not had a full-time leader who can be accountable to ensure the quality of program services and representation of its child-clients.

It is our belief that converting these contractual positions to permanent positions will result in increased efficiency in meeting the growing demands of the juvenile court system.

Please do not hesitate to contact McKinley Wooten, NCAOC's Deputy Director for Program Services, Tom Murry, Chief Legal Counsel for Governmental Affairs or me if we can provide you with any additional information.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marion R. Warren".

Marion R. Warren
Director