

[BUDGET(s) AFFECTED]

Section Under Consideration:

Section 008. OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
(Guardian Ad Litem)

1 Other Budget(s) Affected:

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3 Page 11-line 17 After "Litem" insert "3."

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5 Page 12-after line 13 Insert:

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7 "3. (a) This general fund and other funds appropriations shall
8 be transferred to the office of guardian ad litem, which office is
9 hereby created and notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1704(d) shall operate
10 as a separate operating agency for purposes of expending this
11 appropriation. Notwithstanding any other law including all
12 provisions of law assigning administration of the guardian ad litem
13 program to the state public defender, the office of the guardian
14 ad litem created by this subsection shall administer the guardian
15 ad litem program under W.S. 14-12-101 through 14-12-104, including
16 the guardian ad litem account under W.S. 14-12-103(c). Any other
17 accounts or agreements administered or entered into by the office
18 of the public defender for the guardian ad litem program before
19 July 1, 2020 shall be administered and maintained by the office of
20 guardian ad litem on and after the date of the transfer required
21 by this footnote. The governor shall appoint a director of the
22 office of guardian ad litem who shall serve as the administrative
23 head of the office and as chief guardian ad litem. The director
24 shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and may be removed by
25 the governor as provided by W.S. 9-1-202.

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27 (b) This footnote shall be effective only if 2020 Senate
28 File 120 is not enacted into law."

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30 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and
31 renumber as necessary. ANSELM-DALTON, NETHERCOTT