

[BUDGET(S) AFFECTED]

Section Under Consideration:

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

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

Page 12-after line 13 Insert:

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

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

To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and renumber as necessary. KIRKBRIDE, OLSEN, PELKEY