

## Issue Brief – David C. Lawsuit Court Monitor

DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

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### DAVID C. LAWSUIT COURT MONITOR

The Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) is requesting a one-time appropriation from General Funds of 269,500 and federal funds of \$59,100 for a total of \$328,600 for FY 2007 for the court monitor for the David C. Lawsuit.

### OBJECTIVE

The objective is to have an independent group monitor DCFS to ensure progress is being made toward satisfying the court settlement while DCFS develops internal capacity to continue a monitoring process after the court oversight concludes.

### DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The David C. court settlement requires that DCFS fund an independent monitor to assess the Division and to report to the Court on progress in meeting the plan's requirements. The funding expended to date for this case is a little over \$5.3 million as shown in the following table:

Payments for David C. Case							
Fiscal Year	Plaintiff Attorney	Court Monitor Direct Pmt.	Travel for Court Monitor	Monitoring Panel Direct Pmt.	Practice Model Training	Monitoring Contract	Total
1996				195,973			195,973
1997				121,252			121,252
1998				118,839		328,708	447,547
1999		162,812					162,812
2000		284,948			60,173		345,121
2001		407,903			216,984		624,887
2002	1,118,996	334,929			84,881		1,538,806
2003	234,508	278,419	56,410				569,337
2004		273,209	59,533				332,742
2005		259,710	53,841				313,551
Total	1,989,504	2,001,930	169,784	495,829	362,038	328,708	5,347,793

Note 1: Legal Costs of the Attorney General are not included in these figures

Note 2: After FY 2003, legal costs for Plaintiff Attorney were paid by the AG's Office which is a

### RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Analyst that the Division of Child and Family Services receive a one-time appropriation from General Funds of \$269,500 and federal funds of \$59,100 for a total of \$328,600 for FY 2007 for the David C. Court Monitor.