

1 AN ACT concerning attorneys.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Career Criminal Justice Attorney Retention Act.

6 Section 5. As used in this Act:

7 "Eligible attorney" means an attorney who is employed
8 full-time as an assistant State's attorney, assistant public
9 defender, assistant appellate defender, assistant appellate
10 prosecutor, non-supervisory legal aid attorney, and assistant
11 attorney general whose application under Section 10 of this
12 Act has been accepted and authorized by the State Treasurer
13 to receive assistance to encourage retention by professionals
14 in the criminal justice system.

15 Section 10. Stipend. Beginning 2 years after the
16 effective date of this Act, an eligible attorney may apply to
17 the State Treasurer on forms furnished by the State Treasurer
18 for an annual stipend.

19 To be accepted for a stipend, an eligible attorney must
20 meet the following qualifications:

21 (a) the attorney is currently licensed to practice
22 law in the State of Illinois;

23 (b) the attorney signs a statement agreeing to
24 remain in his or her present employment for at least one
25 year after receiving the stipend and;

26 (c) the attorney has been employed as an eligible
27 attorney for the previous 2 years before applying.

28 An eligible attorney must apply each year for a stipend
29 repayment.

30 The amount of the annual stipend is \$3,500 and may be

1 received by an eligible attorney for 5 years.

2 The amount of the annual stipend shall be adjusted for
3 inflation each July 1 using the Consumer Price Index of the
4 Bureau of Labor Standards of the U.S. Department of Labor.

5 If an eligible attorney receives a stipend and resigns
6 his or her position, the eligible attorney must repay to the
7 State 1/12th of the amount of the annual stipend for each
8 month left in the stipend year that he or she was not an
9 eligible attorney.

10 Section 15. Funding. The General Assembly shall make
11 appropriations to the State Treasurer for annual stipends
12 under this Act.

13 Section 20. Rules. The State Treasurer must adopt rules
14 for the implementation of this Act.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.