

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3563

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3563 as follows:
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

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

7 Section 5. As used in this Act:

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

16 "Education expenses" means the cumulative total of the
17 eligible attorney's cost of attendance at any law school at
18 which the attorney completed course work required to obtain
19 his or her law degree.

20 Section 10. Stipend. Beginning 2 years after the
21 effective date of this Act, an eligible attorney may apply to

1 the State Treasurer on forms furnished by the State Treasurer
2 for an annual stipend for education expenses.

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

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

7 (b) the attorney signs a statement agreeing to
8 remain in his or her present employment for at least one
9 year after receiving the stipend;

10 (c) the attorney has been employed as an eligible
11 attorney for the previous 2 years before applying;

12 (d) the attorney submits either (i) proof of the
13 amount of outstanding student loans and the creditor to
14 whom repayment is due or (ii) an affidavit that the
15 attorney has no outstanding student loans.

16 An eligible attorney must apply each year for a stipend.

17 The amount of the annual stipend is \$3,500 and may be
18 received by an eligible attorney for 5 years.

19 If the eligible attorney's application indicates that he
20 or she has outstanding student loans, the payment must be
21 made directly to the creditor to whom repayment is due. If
22 the eligible attorney's application indicates that he or she
23 has no outstanding student loans, the payment must be made to
24 the eligible attorney as reimbursement for his or her
25 educational expenses. If the amount of the outstanding
26 student loans is less than the annual stipend, the amount of
27 the stipend not paid to the creditor must be paid to the
28 eligible attorney.

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

32 If an eligible attorney receives a stipend or a stipend
33 is payed on his or her behalf and resigns his or her
34 position, the eligible attorney must repay to the State

1 1/12th of the amount of the annual stipend for each month
2 left in the stipend year that he or she was not an eligible
3 attorney.

4 Section 15. Funding. The General Assembly shall make
5 appropriations to the State Treasurer for annual stipends
6 under this Act.

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

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law."