

1 AN ACT concerning judicial law clerks.

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 Judicial Law Clerk Benefit Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Employer" means the Supreme Court, an appellate court,
8 or a circuit court.

9 "Judicial law clerk" means a person licensed to practice
10 law in this State who is employed full-time as a judicial law
11 clerk for the Supreme Court, an appellate court, or a circuit
12 court.

13 Section 10. Money to repay student loans.

14 (a) Each year, for not more than 2 years, a judicial law
15 clerk who has higher education student loans to repay shall
16 receive \$9,000 from his or her employer, in addition to all
17 other compensation and benefits. For any given year,
18 however, this amount may not exceed the amount due and owing
19 on the higher education student loans for that year.

20 (b) 100% of the amount to be paid to a judicial law
21 clerk under subsection (a) of this Section for a given year
22 shall come from the Judicial Law Clerk Benefit Fund.

23 (c) The Judicial Law Clerk Benefit Fund is created as a
24 special fund in the State treasury. All money in the Judicial
25 Law Clerk Benefit Fund shall be used, subject to
26 appropriation, by employers for the purposes of this Section.

27 Section 85. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
28 Section 5.570 as follows:

1 (30 ILCS 105/5.570 new)

2 Sec. 5.570. The Judicial Law Clerk Benefit Fund.