

The Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2005

Brief Synopsis of House and Senate Loan Forgiveness Legislation

H.R. 198

- Representative Scott (D-GA) introduced HR 198, the Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act, on January 4, 2005;
- referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce;
- amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA);
- establish a program of student loan forgiveness for borrowers who agree to remain employed, for at least three years, as either 1) state or local criminal prosecutors; or, 2) state, local or Federal public defenders;
- creates program within Department of Education to be administered by the Secretary of Education;
- distributes loans on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority given to borrowers who have received funds from the previous year, and who have completed less than three years of the first required period of service;
- adds public defenders among those eligible under the Perkins program for cancellation of student loans (prosecutors are already eligible for this);
- includes eligibility for borrowers who have previously consolidated Stafford loans;
- capped at \$6,000 per calendar year, and at \$40,000 total;
- subject to appropriations, the bill calls for funding in the amount of \$20,000,000.

CO-SPONSORS: 13 Democrats / 1 Republicans

Sponsors and Cosponsors

SCOTT, DAVID (D-VA) – Sponsor

CONYERS, JOHN (D-MI)

DAVIS, JO-ANN (R-VA)

DeGETTE, DIANA (D-CO)

DeLAURO, ROSA (D-CT)

FORD, HAROLD (D-TN)

GORDON, BART (D-TN)

KENNEDY, PATRICK (D-RI)

LOWEY, NITA (D-NY)

LYNCH, STEPHEN (D-MA)

MARSHALL, JIM (D-GA)

McCARTHY, CAROLYN (D-NY)

MEEHAN, MARTIN (D-MA)

OWENS, MAJOR (D-NY)

PASTOR, ED (D-AZ)

PRICE, DAVID (D-NC)

RANGEL, CHARLES (D-NY)

SCOTT, ROBERT (D-VA)

WEINER, ANTHONY (D-NY)

S. 2039

- Senator Durbin (D-IL) introduced S 2039, the Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act, on November 17, 2005;
- referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;
- amends Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968;
- establishes a program of student loan forgiveness for borrowers who agree to remain employed, for at least three years, as either 1) state or local criminal prosecutors; or, 2) state, local or Federal public defenders;
- creates program within Department of Justice to be administered by the Attorney General;
- distributes loans on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority given to borrowers who have received funds from the previous year, and who have completed less than three years of the first required period of service;
- adds public defenders among those eligible under the Perkins program for cancellation of student loans (prosecutors are already eligible for this);
- includes eligibility for borrowers who have previously consolidated Stafford loans;
- capped at \$10,000 per calendar year, and at \$60,000 total;
- subject to appropriations, the bill calls for funding in the amount of \$25,000,000.

CO-SPONSOR(S): 10 Democrats / 2 Republicans

Sponsor and Cosponsors

DURBIN, RICHARD (D-IL) – Sponsor

AKAKA, DANIEL K (D-HI)

CANTWELL, MARIA (D-WA)

DEWINE, MIKE (R-OH)

FEINGOLD, RUSSELL D (D-WI)

FEINSTEIN, DIANNE (D-CA)

HARKIN, TOM (D-IA)

KENNEDY, EDWARD M (D-MA)

KERRY, JOHN F (D-MA)

LAUTENBERG, FRANK R. (D-NJ)

LEAHY, PATRICK J (D-VT)

PRYOR, MARK L (D-AR)

SPECTER, ARLEN (R-PA)