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## By: Prince George's County Delegation

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Prince George's County State's Attorney's Loan Assistance Repayment Program
4	PG 314-08
5 6 7 8 9	FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Loan Assistance Repayment Program; providing that certain assistant State's Attorneys who meet certain criteria are eligible for certain assistance to repay higher education loans; requiring the State's Attorney's office for Prince George's County to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to loan assistance repayment programs.
11 12 13 14 15	BY adding to Article 10 – Legal Officials Section 40B Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)
16 17	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
18	Article 10 - Legal Officials
19	<b>40B.</b>
$\begin{array}{c} 20 \\ 21 \end{array}$	(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
22 23	(2) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM.



- 1 (3) "STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE" MEANS THE STATE'S 2 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.
- 3 (B) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT KNOWN AS 4 THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S LOAN ASSISTANCE 5 REPAYMENT PROGRAM.
- 6 (C) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SHALL ASSIST IN THE 7 REPAYMENT OF UP TO \$5,000 OF A HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN OWED BY AN 8 INDIVIDUAL WHO:
- 9 (1) COMPLETES 3 YEARS OF SERVICE AS AN ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY IN THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE;
- 11 (2) IS EMPLOYED FULL-TIME BY THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S 12 OFFICE; AND
- 13 (3) SATISFIES ANY OTHER CRITERION ESTABLISHED BY THE 14 STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
- 15 (D) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO 16 ESTABLISH:
- 17 (1) THE MAXIMUM STARTING INCOME FOR ELIGIBILITY IN THE 18 PROGRAM; AND
- 19 (2) THE MAXIMUM TOTAL INCOME FOR ELIGIBILITY IN THE 20 PROGRAM, INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME.
- 21 (E) PRIORITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE GIVEN 22 TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE.
- 23 (F) AWARDS UNDER THE PROGRAM ARE NONRENEWABLE.
- 24 (G) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE MAY ADOPT ANY OTHER 25 REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.