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Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

Party: Democratic • State: IL • Chamber: Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 17, 2005
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 17, 2005
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Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Nov 17, 2005
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Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 17, 2005
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Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	$D \cdot AR$		Nov 17, 2005
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	$R \cdot PA$		Nov 17, 2005
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	$R \cdot OR$		Feb 1, 2006
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2006
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	$D \cdot NY$		Mar 16, 2006
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		May 3, 2006
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		May 9, 2006
Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 10, 2006
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 5, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 25, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 198	Related bill	Feb 9, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.

Summary (as of May 25, 2006)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2005 - Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to direct the Attorney General to establish a loan repayment program for student loan borrowers who agree in writing to remain employed as state or local criminal prosecutors or federal, state, or local public defenders for not less than three years.

Requires borrowers who are involuntarily separated from employment due to misconduct or who voluntarily leave employment before the required three-year period to repay any benefits received under this Act.

Limits the amount of loans which may be repaid to \$10,000 for any borrower in any calendar year, or an aggregate total of \$60,000 for any borrower.

Authorizes the Attorney General to enter into an additional loan repayment agreement with a borrower to remain employed as a prosecutor or public defender for a period of less than three years.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- May 25, 2006: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- May 25, 2006: Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Specter without amendment. Without written report.
- May 25, 2006: Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Specter without amendment. Without written report.
- May 25, 2006: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 451.
- Nov 17, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Nov 17, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S13163-13165)
- Nov 17, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S13165-13166)