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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 23-55—SB 1134

Judiciary Committee

Appropriations Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECRUITMENT OF LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR APPRENTICE PROSECUTOR POSITIONS

SUMMARY: This act authorizes the Criminal Justice Commission, within available appropriations, to interview and appoint as an “apprentice prosecutor” any student from an accredited law school who is within five months of graduation and is a certified legal intern.

Under the act, a student who the commission appoints as an apprentice prosecutor advances to the position of deputy assistant state’s attorney upon admission to the Connecticut bar, which must occur within one year after graduating law school. This creates an exception to existing law by guaranteeing appointment upon bar passage (CGS § 51-278a(a)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Criminal Justice Commission

The state constitution established the Criminal Justice Commission and charges it with appointing a state’s attorney for each judicial district and other attorneys as prescribed by law (Conn. Const., art. IV, § 27). It consists of seven members: the chief state’s attorney and six members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the General Assembly. Two appointed members must be Superior Court judges (CGS § 51-275a).