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## Georgia Applies for John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program Funding

The United States Congress funded the John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program in the 2010 Federal Fiscal Year. The program provides loan repayment assistance for local, state, and federal public defenders, and local and state prosecutors who commit to continued employment as public defenders and prosecutors for at least 3 years. The purpose of the program is to encourage qualified individuals to enter and continue their employment as prosecutors and public defenders.

The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) has been designated by Governor Sonny Perdue as the state agency responsible for coordinating the John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program in Georgia. GSFC has submitted the formal application to receive the grant funding. If approved, assistance may be available for up to 29 prosecutors and 29 public defenders.

Once GSFC receives verification of participation and funding approval, we will update our website to include an overview of the program, eligibility requirements, and application procedures.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Student Aid Services Program Administration at <u>ProgramAdmin@gsfc.org</u> or 770-724-9251.

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