

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 13, 2015

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 134**

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**Introduced by Senator Hertzberg**

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Alejo)

**(Coauthor: Senator Pavley)**

**(Coauthors: Senators Allen, Jackson, Leno, Pavley, and Wieckowski)**

*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cristina Garcia, Santiago, and Steinorth)*

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An act to amend *Section 69741.5 of the Education Code*, and to amend Section 6032 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to attorneys.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 134, as amended, Hertzberg. State Bar of California: voluntary ~~fee-collection~~ *collection: loan repayment program*.

Existing law, the State Bar Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of attorneys by the State Bar of California, a public corporation. Existing law authorizes the State Bar to collect annual membership dues and voluntary fees, as specified. Existing law creates the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program, which is administered by the Student Aid Commission, to provide loan repayment assistance for licensed attorneys who practice or agree to practice in public interest areas of the law in California. *Existing law limits the warrants that the commission may award for the assumption of loans pursuant to that program to the number authorized in the annual Budget Act for the applicable fiscal year.*

This bill would expressly authorize the State Bar to collect voluntary fees on behalf of, and for the purpose of funding, the Public Interest

Attorney Loan Repayment Program. *The bill would repeal the limit on the number of warrants the commission may issue, as described above.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 69741.5 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:

3     69741.5. ~~(a)~~ Participants in this program are eligible for a  
4 maximum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) in loan assistance  
5 for four years, as follows:

6     ~~(1)~~

7     (a) For the first year, two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in loan  
8 repayment assistance.

9     ~~(2)~~

10    (b) For the second, third, and fourth years, three thousand dollars  
11 (\$3,000) in loan repayment assistance for each year.

12    ~~(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any fiscal~~  
13 ~~year, the commission shall award no more than the number of~~  
14 ~~warrants that are authorized in the annual Budget Act for that fiscal~~  
15 ~~year for the assumption of loans pursuant to this article.~~

16    SECTION 1.

17    SEC. 2. Section 6032 of the Business and Professions Code is  
18 amended to read:

19    6032. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
20 State Bar is expressly authorized to collect, in conjunction with  
21 the State Bar’s collection of its annual membership dues, voluntary  
22 fees on behalf of, and for the purpose of funding, the California  
23 Supreme Court Historical Society, which advances the science of  
24 jurisprudence by preserving and disseminating to the general public  
25 the history of the Supreme Court and the ~~Judicial Branch~~. *judicial*  
26 *branch*.

27    (b) Notwithstanding any other law, the State Bar is expressly  
28 authorized to collect, in conjunction with the State Bar’s collection  
29 of its annual membership dues, voluntary fees on behalf of, and  
30 for the purpose of funding, the Public Interest Attorney Loan  
31 Repayment Program (Article 12 (commencing with Section 69740)  
32 of Chapter 2 of Part 42 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education  
33 Code), which provides loan assistance to licensed attorneys who

- 1 practice or agree to practice in public interest areas of the law in
- 2 this state.

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