

Accompanying the ninth recommendation of the Commissioner of Probation)House, No. 246). Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROBATION OFFICER HIGHER EDUCATION, AND AUTHORIZING EDUCATIONAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR PROBATION OFFICERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 99A thereof the following
3 new section: — *Section 99B*. There is hereby established a
4 probation officer higher education scholarship program which
5 shall be administered by the commissioner of probation. Subject
6 to the approval of the committee on probation, he shall establish
7 regulations governing eligibility for and the awarding of
8 scholarships, specifying the terms and conditions of repayment
9 of scholarships, and determining the courses and programs that
10 may be undertaken. The commissioner may expend such sums
11 as may be appropriated to carry out the scholarship program,
12 and such sums as may be received in the form of gift, grant, or
13 loan of money from the federal government or from any
14 foundation, corporation, person or other private source for the
15 tuition and other reasonable costs of education of probation
16 officers as hereinafter set forth.

17 Any probation officer, appointed pursuant to section eighty-
18 three or 8-3A, may apply to the commissioner for scholarship
19 assistance to defray the cost of tuition and other reasonable
20 costs of such a scholarship, a probation officer shall enter into a
21 written agreement with the commissioner that the full amount of
22 the scholarship shall be repaid to the commonwealth if he does

23 not serve as a probation officer within the commonwealth for a
24 period of three consecutive years on completion of the courses
25 for which payments are provided under this program, unless
26 excused therefrom in writing by the commissioner with the
27 approval of the committee on probation. If the commissioner,
28 with the approval of the committee on probation, determines
29 that a probation officer has failed to successfully complete his
30 courses, any unused balance of his scholarship shall be returned
31 to the general fund.

32 The committee shall review, and approve or disapprove,
33 actions of the commissioner of probation establishing
34 regulations governing the probation officer higher education
35 scholarship program, or excusing repayment of scholarship
36 grants or determining that a probation officer has failed to
37 successfully complete his courses under the program, as
38 provided in section ninety-nine.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 83A thereof the following
3 new section: — *Section 83B.* Any court, courts, justice or
4 justices authorized to appoint probation officers pursuant to
5 section eighty-three or eighty-three A may, with the approval of
6 the commissioner of probation, grant leaves of absence to any
7 probation officer appointed pursuant to such authority to
8 engage in an educational program that will improve his
9 professional capability. Such a leave shall be for a period not
10 exceeding two years, and shall be at full pay. A probation officer
11 granted such a leave shall enter into a written agreement with
12 the appointing authority that upon termination of such leave he
13 will return to the service of that authority for a period equal to
14 twice the length of such leave and that, in default of completing
15 such service, he will refund to the appointing authority an
16 amount equal to such proportion of the salary received by him
17 while on leave as the amount of service not rendered as agreed
18 bears to the whole amount of service agreed to be rendered. The
19 provision of section eighty-nine requiring the deduction of
20 compensation paid to a temporary probation officer from the

21 compensation of the probation officer in whose place his service
22 is rendered shall not apply to probation officers granted leaves
23 pursuant to this section.

The first part of the report is devoted to a description of the general conditions of the country, and to a statement of the results of the various expeditions which have been made since the discovery of the gold fields. It is found that the country is generally fertile, and that the climate is well adapted to the raising of such crops as wheat, corn, and sugar cane. The gold fields are situated in the western part of the country, and are of considerable extent. The gold is obtained by washing the ore in water, and the process is simple and easy to be learned. The gold is found in alluvial deposits, and is of a fine quality. The amount of gold obtained is estimated to be about 100,000 ounces per annum. The gold is exported to the coast, and is there sold to the merchants. The price of gold is about 100 dollars per ounce. The gold is used for the purchase of such articles as clothing, tools, and other necessaries of life. The gold is also used for the purchase of land, and for the purchase of such articles as houses, and other articles of luxury. The gold is also used for the purchase of such articles as horses, and other articles of transport. The gold is also used for the purchase of such articles as guns, and other articles of war. The gold is also used for the purchase of such articles as ships, and other articles of commerce. The gold is also used for the purchase of such articles as houses, and other articles of luxury. The gold is also used for the purchase of such articles as horses, and other articles of transport. The gold is also used for the purchase of such articles as guns, and other articles of war. The gold is also used for the purchase of such articles as ships, and other articles of commerce.

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