

1-1 By: Hinojosa, et al. (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 2750  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2017;  
 1-3 May 18, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Business  
 1-4 and Commerce; May 21, 2017, rereferred to Committee on  
 1-5 Intergovernmental Relations; May 22, 2017, reported favorably by  
 1-6 the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 22, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

|      | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-9  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-10 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-11 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-12 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-13 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-14 |     |     | X      |     |
| 1-15 | X   |     |        |     |

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to requiring a public employer to give notice to new  
 1-19 employees of the ability of certain employees to participate in the  
 1-20 Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 6, Government Code, is amended  
 1-23 by adding Chapter 620 to read as follows:

1-24 CHAPTER 620. NOTICE OF PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

1-25 Sec. 620.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "public  
 1-26 employer" means:

1-27 (1) a county, a municipality, or another political  
 1-28 subdivision of this state, including a school district; or

1-29 (2) a board, a commission, an office, a department, or  
 1-30 another agency in the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of  
 1-31 state government, including an institution of higher education.

1-32 Sec. 620.002. NOTICE OF PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS  
 1-33 PROGRAM. Not later than the 30th day after the date on which an  
 1-34 employee begins employment with a public employer, the employer  
 1-35 shall provide written notice to the employee of the ability of  
 1-36 eligible employees of the employer to participate in the Public  
 1-37 Service Loan Forgiveness Program administered by the United States  
 1-38 Department of Education. A public employer may deliver a written  
 1-39 notice under this section to an employee by hand delivery, mail,  
 1-40 e-mail, or other form of electronic communication commonly used by  
 1-41 the employer to communicate with employees.

1-42 SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this  
 1-43 section, Chapter 620, Government Code, as added by this Act,  
 1-44 applies to an employee who begins employment on or after the  
 1-45 effective date of this Act.

1-46 (b) A public employer, as defined by Section 620.001,  
 1-47 Government Code, as added by this Act, shall provide the written  
 1-48 notice described by Section 620.002, Government Code, as added by  
 1-49 this Act, to an employee employed by the employer on the effective  
 1-50 date of this Act not later than September 11, 2017.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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