

House Bill 3255

Sponsored by Representative CAMPOS, Senator GORSEK, Representative RUIZ

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs education employer to provide materials and assistance to eligible employees concerning public service loan forgiveness program.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to providing information to employees about the public service loan forgiveness program;
3 and prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 329.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

7 (a) "Education employer" means a public charter school, a school district, a tribal college
8 or university, as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1059c(b)(3), as in effect on the effective date of this 2021
9 Act, and any other governmental agency within this state that employs a teacher or a school
10 nurse, as defined in ORS 336.204, in a full-time capacity.

11 (b) "Public service loan forgiveness program" means the program under which the United
12 States Secretary of Education cancels the balance of interest and principal due on eligible
13 federal direct loans in accordance with the criteria specified under 20 U.S.C. 1087e(m) and
14 34 C.F.R 685.219, both as in effect on the effective date of this 2021 Act.

15 (2)(a) An education employer shall provide all employees who qualify for a public service
16 loan forgiveness program with materials and assistance that:

17 (A) Increases awareness of the public service loan forgiveness program among eligible
18 employees of the education employer; and

19 (B) Increases participation by employees in the public service loan forgiveness program.

20 (b) Materials described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may include, but are not lim-
21 ited to:

22 (A) Announcements and advertisements in an education employer's official publications
23 and in any electronic mail or social media messages the education employer sends to em-
24 ployees;

25 (B) Inserts or other messages in employee paychecks or payment instruments, to the
26 extent practicable; or

27 (C) Other periodic reminders in communications to employees.

28 (c) An education employer shall direct an employee, as part of the employee's official
29 duties, to become familiar with eligibility requirements, application procedures and other
30 information about the public service loan forgiveness program and to provide assistance to
31 other employees who request assistance with determining the employees' eligibility for and

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **applications to the public service loan forgiveness program.**

2 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021**
3 **regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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