

HB 2577 -- PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS

SPONSOR: Dogan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill requires the Department of Higher Education, on or before January 1, 2017, to create guidance, as specified in the bill, regarding notice of public employee eligibility for public service loan forgiveness. School districts may use this guidance to provide notice to their employees. On or before April 1, 2017, the school board of each Missouri school district will adopt a policy that provides up-to-date, accurate, and complete information to each new district employee, within 10 days of the start of employment, regarding eligibility. The school districts will be required to provide current employees with the same information on or before June 30, 2017.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will require the Department of Higher Education to notify public employees regarding the eligibility for public service loan forgiveness.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dogan and the Missouri National Education Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.