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A BILL

To enact section 3333.0417 of the Revised Code to
require the Chancellor of Higher Education and
public service organizations to disseminate
information regarding the federal public service
loan forgiveness programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3333.0417 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3333.0417. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Public service organization" has the same meaning as
in section 685.619 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal
Regulations, 34 C.F.R. 685.219.

(2) "Employment certification form" means the form used by
the United States department of education to certify an
individual's employment at a public service organization for the
purposes of the public service loan forgiveness program.

(3) "Public service loan forgiveness program" means the 16
loan forgiveness program established under 20 U.S.C. 1087e(m). 17

(4) "Teacher loan forgiveness program" means a loan 18
forgiveness program established under 20 U.S.C. 1078-10. 19

(B) The chancellor of higher education shall create and 20
distribute informational materials regarding the public service 21
loan forgiveness program and teacher loan forgiveness program to 22
public service organizations. Informational materials shall be 23
published on the department of higher education's web site and 24
updated each biennium. Materials shall include all of the 25
following: 26

(1) A letter to notify public employees of the eligibility 27
requirements of the public service and teacher loan forgiveness 28
programs and to recommend that public employees contact a 29
student loan servicer for additional information; 30

(2) A fact sheet that outlines the public service and 31
teacher loan forgiveness programs and contains contact 32
information for the chancellor; 33

(3) Frequently asked questions concerning the public 34
service and teacher loan forgiveness programs; 35

(4) Any document published by a federal agency regarding 36
student loan forgiveness as determined by the chancellor. 37

(C) A public service organization shall post the fact 38
sheet described under division (B)(1) of this section in a 39
conspicuous location on its premises and provide the following 40
to its employees: 41

(1) The informational materials described under division 42
(B) of this section not later than two weeks after an employee's 43

<u>start date;</u>	44
<u>(2) Upon request, a copy of the employment certification</u>	45
<u>form.</u>	46