BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2750 By: Hinojosa, Gina Government Transparency & Operation Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that it would be beneficial to holders of student debt employed by certain public employers if the employers notified the employees of their potential eligibility to participate in the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. H.B. 2750 seeks to require such notice.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2750 amends the Government Code to require a political subdivision of the state, including a school district, and a state agency, including an institution of higher education, to provide written notice to an employee not later than the fifth day after the date on which the employee begins employment with such a public employer of the ability of eligible employees of the employer to participate in the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program administered by the U.S. Department of Education. The bill requires such a public employer to provide the notice to an employee by the employer on the bill's effective date not later than September 11, 2017.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.