

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2655
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Impact:	Anticipated, but currently unknown

**Consultation with OSDE
and OSRHE is ongoing**

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute to HB2655 creates the Teachers of Color Recruitment Advisory Committee, and lists requirements for the composition of the committee.

Other provisions of the measure include:

- Requiring each teacher education program to prepare a plan for the recruitment and retention of teachers of color
- The establishment and administration of a loan forgiveness program for teachers of color who complete five (5) years of service in schools that serve a substantial percentage of low-income students with partial forgiveness for shorter periods of service
- The provision and coordination of mentoring and induction programs in school districts for teachers of color
- The establishment and administration of a program to recruit and prepare parents, community leaders and paraprofessionals to become effective teachers

The proposed committee substitute also creates the Teachers of Color Recruitment Center and requires the Center to award grants to qualified consortia that meet certain requirements.

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Fiscal Analysis

The proposed committee substitute in its current form will establish a loan forgiveness program. Teachers of color will have the totality of their loans forgiven after five years of employment in schools that serve a substantial percentage of low-income students with partial forgiveness for teachers with shorter periods of service. It is anticipated that a fiscal impact will exist, though an amount is currently unknown. Consultation with the State Department of Education and the State Regents for Higher Education is ongoing at this time.

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Other Considerations

None.

