

## HR 1197

### Teacher Diversity and Retention Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

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| Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]                   | D · NC        |      | Feb 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]                     | D · CT        |      | Feb 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]                 | D · PA        |      | Feb 22, 2021 |
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| Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]                    | D · FL        |      | Oct 12, 2021 |
| Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]                 | D · AZ        |      | Oct 12, 2021 |
| Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]            | D · NM        |      | Dec 23, 2021 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Education and Workforce Committee | House   | Referred To | Feb 22, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Teacher Diversity and Retention Act**

This bill revises certain grant programs related to teacher recruitment and training.

First, the bill reauthorizes through FY2027 and otherwise revises the Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence program, which provides grants to establish teacher preparation programs at minority-serving institutions. It allows grants to be used for school leader preparation programs.

In addition, the bill consolidates certain grant programs for teacher preparation into a single grant program. In particular, the Department of Education must award grants to eligible partnerships (e.g., high-need local educational agencies and certain programs at institutions of higher education) to expand teacher preparation programs that embed dual certification in special education and training on social and emotional learning competencies and behavior management practices.

## **Actions Timeline**

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