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To: General Government Subcommittee

From: Paul Siebert, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 3, 2021

Subject: HB 2167 – Relating to State Entities.
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2167 creates the Racial Justice Council within the Office of the Governor. The council will consist of the Governor, as chairperson, and no more than 40 additional members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Governor will establish committees to address policies of interest to the council and appoint each council member to at least one committee. Each committee shall report and make recommendations to the council. Council members are not entitled to compensation; however, the council chairperson may authorize reimbursement of council members for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their council duties.

The measure directs all state agencies to assist the council in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permissible, to furnish information and advice to the council as the council considers necessary. At least once per year, the council will report to the Legislative Assembly, the Secretary of State, the Bureau of Labor and Industries, the State Treasurer, and the Attorney General. The report must describe strategies to implement racial justice into state government and may include other matters pertinent towards dismantling systemic and institutional racism. The council shall provide advice and recommendations to the Governor relating to racial justice. The council shall advise and assist state agencies in creating racial impact statements for programs included in agency request budgets. The council shall communicate with the appropriate officers and committees of the Legislative Assembly to monitor investments in and track progress towards racial equity.

The measure would have a fiscal impact on the Office of the Governor. The Governor's Office would need two permanent, full-time positions to serve the council in conducting its work. The two positions are a Principal Executive Manager G and an Executive Support Specialist 2. The funding for these positions is contained in SB 5520, the budget bill for the Office of the Governor.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Rules Committee on 2/25/2021, 4/13/2021 and 4/29/2021 and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2167 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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