

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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ENGROSSED  
**Senate Bill No. 1694**  
**As Amended**

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1694 - By: BURRAGE AND LEFTWICH of the Senate and JONES of the House.

[ schools - certain mentorship programs - effective date -  
emergency ]

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma  
2 Statutes as Section 1210.526 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in  
3 numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. The State Department of Education shall encourage school boards and districts  
5 to develop mentorship programs aimed at reducing drop-out rates. The goal of these  
6 programs shall be to identify middle school and high school students who are at a high  
7 risk for leaving school before they obtain their high school diploma and providing these  
8 students with comprehensive prevention and intervention programs.

9 B. Mentors should work with identified students to assist in the following:

- 10 1. Transitioning from middle school to high school;  
11 2. Creation of personal graduation plans;  
12 3. Counseling of students on the consequences of dropping out;

- 1 4. Beginning career exploration with students at an earlier age;  
2 5. Informing parents and students regarding the impact of middle school grades on  
3 high school placement and achievement;  
4 6. Providing students with guidance in selecting courses; and  
5 7. Providing students with tutoring and extra academic assistance as needed.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

7 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
8 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof  
9 this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 04-08-08 - DO  
11 PASS, As Amended.