

3 Senate Bill No. 1694

4 As Amended

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1694 - By: BURRAGE of the Senate and JONES of the
6 House.

7 [schools - develop certain mentorship programs -
8 codification - effective date -
9 emergency]

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

14 A. The State Department of Education shall encourage school
15 boards and districts to develop mentorship programs aimed at
16 reducing drop-out rates. The goal of these programs shall be to
17 identify middle school and high school students who are at a high
18 risk for leaving school before they obtain their high school diploma
19 and providing these students with comprehensive prevention and
20 intervention programs.

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

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

1 4. Beginning career exploration with students at an earlier
2 age;

3 5. Informing parents and students regarding the impact of
4 middle school grades on high school placement and achievement;

5 6. Providing students with guidance in selecting courses; and

6 7. Providing students with tutoring and extra academic
7 assistance as needed.

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

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

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-11-08 - DO
14 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.