

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1635

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; establishing Achieving
8 Classroom Excellence high school graduation coach
9 program; specifying qualifications and
10 responsibilities; requiring State Board of Education
11 to adopt rules; requiring State Board of Education to
provide certain professional development and allocate
certain funding; providing for codification;
providing an effective date; and declaring an
emergency.

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

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

18 A. The State Board of Education shall establish the Achieving
19 Classroom Excellence (ACE) high school graduation coach program.
20 The ACE high school graduation coach program shall provide for staff
21 focused on motivating and supporting students in completing their
22 high school education. The State Board shall determine
23 qualifications for the ACE high school graduation coaches that shall
24 include, but not be limited to, full-time secondary level educators

1 who have at least three years experience in secondary schools as a
2 classroom teacher, counselor or administrator.

3 B. The ACE high school graduation coaches shall have the
4 following responsibilities:

5 1. Analyze relevant data to determine student academic and
6 social needs;

7 2. Identify students at-risk of dropping out of school and
8 develop with them a plan of study for graduation;

9 3. Establish and monitor implementation of individual
10 graduation plans for identified students;

11 4. Determine authorized alternate methods for students to
12 complete graduation requirements;

13 5. Communicate to students the advantages of completing their
14 high school education;

15 6. Identify community organizations or mentors to provide
16 internship opportunities for students;

17 7. Support and engage parents; and

18 8. Report on student progress to the State Board.

19 C. The State Board shall adopt rules providing for the roles
20 and responsibilities of the ACE high school graduation coaches, the
21 school districts, and the State Department of Education.

22 D. The State Board shall be responsible for providing
23 professional development for the ACE high school graduation coaches
24 that addresses the following:

- 1 1. Utilization of relevant data for the high school and feeder
- 2 middle school(s);
- 3 2. School culture;
- 4 3. Pyramid of interventions;
- 5 4. Advisement; and
- 6 5. Transition.

7 E. The State Board of Education shall allocate funding to
8 school districts to support the implementation of the ACE high
9 school graduation coach program. Twenty Million Dollars
10 (\$20,000,000.00) shall be allocated by the State Department of
11 Education to school districts based on the audited end-of-year
12 average daily membership in grades nine through twelve during the
13 preceding school year for the purpose of employing ACE high school
14 graduation coaches.

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

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

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