

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1694

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; directing State
8 Department of Education to encourage school districts
9 to develop certain mentorship programs for certain
10 purpose; specifying components of program; providing
11 for codification; providing an effective date; and
12 declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

- 1 1. Transitioning from middle school to high school;
- 2 2. Creation of personal graduation plans;
- 3 3. Counseling of students on the consequences of dropping out;
- 4 4. Beginning career exploration with students at an earlier
- 5 age;
- 6 5. Informing parents and students regarding the impact of
- 7 middle school grades on high school placement and achievement;
- 8 6. Providing students with guidance in selecting courses; and
- 9 7. Providing students with tutoring and extra academic
- 10 assistance as needed.

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

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

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