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ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1050

By: Carey, Jones, Buck, Morgan,
Pittman, Sherrer, Luttrell
and Inman of the House

and

Sparks of the Senate

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

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.527 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

1 and providing these students with comprehensive prevention and
2 intervention programs.

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

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

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

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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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of February,
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6 Representatives

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