

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2535

By: Montgomery

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; creating certain act; authorizing governing body of certain schools to enter into certain agreement; permitting governing body to adopt certain rules; requiring proposed apprenticeships, internships or mentorships to be submitted to Department of Education for approval; excluding certain liability of school; permitting State Department of Education to promulgate certain rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 1210.528 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Apprenticeships, Internships and Mentorships (AIM) Act of 2016".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.528-1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the governing body of each public, private, magnet, charter or virtual charter school

1 in this state (the school) is authorized to enter into an agreement  
2 with private or public organizations for the purpose of creating  
3 apprenticeship, internship and mentorship programs.

4 Apprenticeships, internships and mentorships may be available to  
5 high school juniors and seniors as permitted by each school. The  
6 apprenticeship, internship or mentorship may fill the requirement of  
7 elective courses as the student's schedule permits. A student may  
8 not use the apprenticeship, internship or mentorship to replace any  
9 other state education requirement. This subsection is subject to  
10 the provisions of subsection C of this section.

11 B. The governing body of each school shall have the authority  
12 to adopt rules regarding the creation of apprenticeships,  
13 internships and mentorships that include the registration and  
14 qualifications for private or public organizations to participate in  
15 the apprenticeship, internship or mentorship program.

16 C. All proposed apprenticeships, internships or mentorships  
17 shall be submitted by the school to the State Department of  
18 Education for final approval or disapproval.

19 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.528-2 of Title 70, unless  
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. In no event shall a school be liable in event of injury or  
23 death of a student participating in an approved apprenticeship,  
24 internship or mentorship program.

1 B. A private or public organization participating in the  
2 apprenticeship, internship or mentorship program shall be held  
3 liable in the event of injury or death of a student as provided by  
4 law.

5 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.528-3 of Title 70, unless  
7 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 The State Department of Education shall promulgate rules to  
9 implement the provisions of the Apprenticeships, Internships and  
10 Mentorships (AIM) Act of 2016. Such rules shall relate only to the  
11 approval or disapproval of apprenticeships, internships or  
12 mentorships submitted by the school. In no event shall such rules  
13 relate to the approval or disapproval of rules established by each  
14 school as set forth in subsection B of Section 2 of the  
15 Apprenticeships, Internships and Mentorships (AIM) Act of 2016.

16 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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