

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 619

By: Bullard of the Senate

and

West (Kevin) of the House

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 2, Chapter 244, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1210.528-1), which relates to the Apprenticeships, Internships and Mentorships (AIM) Act of 2016; allowing students in a certain grade who have reached a certain age to participate in certain programs; allowing the governing body of a school to obtain liability insurance coverage for certain students; establishing guidelines for coverage; prohibiting the governing body of a school from charging for certain coverage; providing certain construction; directing the State Board of Education to determine eligibility for certain academic credit; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 244, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1210.528-1), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 1210.528-1 A. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school
2 year, the governing body of each public, private, magnet, charter or
3 virtual charter school in this state (the school) is authorized to
4 enter into an agreement with private or public organizations for the
5 purpose of creating apprenticeship, internship and mentorship
6 programs. Apprenticeships, internships and mentorships may be
7 available to high school sophomores age sixteen (16) or older,
8 juniors and seniors as permitted by each school. The
9 apprenticeship, internship or mentorship may fill the requirement of
10 elective courses as the student's schedule permits. A student may
11 not use the apprenticeship, internship or mentorship to replace any
12 other state education requirement, except as provided for in
13 subsection D of this section.

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

19 C. 1. The governing body of each school may obtain liability
20 insurance coverage to protect a student who participates in an
21 apprenticeship, internship or mentorship program authorized by this
22 section. The coverage authorized by this subsection shall be
23 obtained from a reliable insurer authorized to do business in this
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1 state and shall not exceed the amount that is deemed reasonably
2 necessary in the opinion of the governing body of each school.

3 2. The governing body of a school may not directly or
4 indirectly charge a student or the student's parent or legal
5 guardian for the cost of providing insurance coverage pursuant to
6 this subsection.

7 3. The failure of a governing body to obtain insurance coverage
8 authorized by this subsection or to obtain a specific amount of
9 coverage may not be construed as placing any legal liability on the
10 governing body of the school.

11 D. The State Board of Education may develop rules to determine
12 if apprenticeships, internships and mentorships established pursuant
13 to this section are eligible for academic credit toward meeting the
14 graduation requirements set forth in Section 11-103.6 of this title.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

16 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
17 of the public peace, health or 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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