

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1631

By: Pugh of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to teachers; directing the Commission
7 for Educational Quality and Accountability to
8 establish certain mentor teacher training program;
9 providing duration of pilot program; providing
10 definition; providing purpose and goal of pilot
11 program; directing certain stipend to be provided to
12 certain mentor teachers subject to availability of
13 funding; requiring administration of certain surveys;
14 directing the Commission to submit certain report by
15 certain date; providing for contents of report;
16 providing for promulgation of rules; providing for
17 codification; providing an effective date; and
18 declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-116.6 of Title 70, unless
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability
24 shall establish a two-year pilot program for mentor teacher training
with the goal of retaining teachers in this state. For the purposes
of this section, "mentor teacher" shall have the same meaning as
provided for in Section 6-182 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. The pilot program shall provide mentor teachers, who have
taught for at least five (5) years, with coaching tools to guide,

1 support, and assist teachers who have been employed by a public
2 school district in this state for one year in the areas of classroom
3 management, curriculum, differentiation of instruction, and other
4 pedagogical techniques. The goal of the pilot program shall be to
5 provide training to one mentor teacher from each school district in
6 this state over the two-year period.

7 C. Subject to the availability of funds, mentor teachers who
8 complete the training pilot program created by this section shall be
9 provided a one-time stipend of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

10 D. The Commission shall administer an introductory survey and
11 an exit survey to teachers placed under the mentorship of a mentor
12 teacher who completed the training pilot program created by this
13 section. The Commission shall create a standardized survey form to
14 measure a teacher's mentorship experience.

15 E. By July 1, 2026, the Commission shall submit a report to the
16 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives, and the chairs of the education committees in the
18 Senate and House of Representatives. The report shall include but
19 not be limited to aggregate data from the surveys administered
20 pursuant to subsection D of this section and recommendations
21 regarding continuation or expansion of the pilot program.

22 F. The Commission shall promulgate rules to implement the
23 provisions of this section.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

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

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2022.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives