

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 619

By: Bullard of the Senate

3 and

4 West (Kevin) of the House

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6 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 2,
7 Chapter 244, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section
8 1210.528-1), which relates to the Apprenticeships,
9 Internships and Mentorships (AIM) Act of 2016;
10 allowing students in a certain grade who have reached
11 a certain age to participate in certain programs;
12 allowing the governing body of a school to obtain
13 liability insurance coverage for certain students;
14 establishing guidelines for coverage; prohibiting the
15 governing body of a school from charging for certain
16 coverage; providing certain construction; directing
17 the State Board of Education to determine eligibility
18 for certain academic credit; providing an effective
19 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 244, O.S.L.
22 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1210.528-1), is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 Section 1210.528-1. A. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school
year, the governing body of each public, private, magnet, charter or
virtual charter school in this state (the school) is authorized to
enter into an agreement with private or public organizations for the
purpose of creating apprenticeship, internship and mentorship
programs. Apprenticeships, internships and mentorships may be

1 available to high school sophomores age sixteen (16) or older,
2 juniors and seniors as permitted by each school. The
3 apprenticeship, internship or mentorship may fill the requirement of
4 elective courses as the student's schedule permits. A student may
5 not use the apprenticeship, internship or mentorship to replace any
6 other state education requirement, except as provided for in
7 subsection D of this section.

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

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

20 2. The governing body of a school may not directly or
21 indirectly charge a student or the student's parent or legal
22 guardian for the cost of providing insurance coverage pursuant to
23 this subsection.

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

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

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

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 4th day of March, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives