

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1631

By: Pugh of the Senate

and

Vancuren of the House

An Act relating to teachers; directing the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability to establish certain mentor teacher training program; providing duration of pilot program; providing definition; providing purpose and goal of pilot program; directing certain stipend to be provided to certain mentor teachers subject to availability of funding; requiring administration of certain surveys; directing the Commission to submit certain report by certain date; providing for contents of report; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Mentor teacher training

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 3-116.6 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability 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,

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

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

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

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

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

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 26th day of April, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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