

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5   FOR ENGROSSED  
6   SENATE BILL NO. 619

By: Bullard and **Jett** of the  
Senate

and

West (Kevin) and **Randleman**  
of the House

11                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12           An Act relating to schools; amending Section 2,  
13           Chapter 244, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section  
14           1210.528-1), which relates to the Apprenticeships,  
15           Internships and Mentorships (AIM) Act of 2016;  
16           allowing students in a certain grade who have reached  
17           a certain age to participate in certain programs;  
18           allowing the governing body of a school to obtain  
19           liability insurance coverage for certain students;  
20           establishing guidelines for coverage; prohibiting the  
21           governing body of a school from charging for certain  
22           coverage; providing certain construction; directing  
23           the State Board of Education to determine eligibility  
24           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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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 03/31/2021  
22 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.  
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