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February 16, 2022

AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 1631

By: Pugh

[teachers - mentor teacher training program - pilot
program - codification - effective date -
emergency]

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

1 management, curriculum, differentiation of instruction, and other
2 pedagogical techniques. The goal of the pilot program shall be to
3 provide training to one mentor teacher from each school district in
4 this state over the two-year period.

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

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
4 February 16, 2022 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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