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February 24, 2021

By: Bullard

[schools - Apprenticeships, Internships and
Mentorships (AIM) Act of 2016 - effective date -
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:

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 available to high school sophomores age sixteen (16) or older, juniors and seniors as permitted by each school. The apprenticeship, internship or mentorship may fill the requirement of elective courses as the student's schedule permits. A student may not use the apprenticeship, internship or mentorship to replace any

1 other state education requirement, except as provided for in
2 subsection D of this section.

3 B. The governing body of each school shall have the authority
4 to adopt policies regarding the creation of apprenticeships,
5 internships and mentorships that include the registration and
6 qualifications for private or public organizations to participate in
7 the apprenticeship, internship or mentorship program.

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

15 2. The governing body of a school may not directly or
16 indirectly charge a student or the student's parent or legal
17 guardian for the cost of providing insurance coverage pursuant to
18 this subsection.

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

23 D. The State Board of Education shall review apprenticeships,
24 internships and mentorships established pursuant to this section to

1 determine if they are eligible for academic credit toward meeting
2 the graduation requirements set forth in Section 11-103.6 of this
3 title.

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

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

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
10 February 24, 2021 - DO PASS
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