

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 HOUSE BILL 3659

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; permitting schools to
8 create teacher-to-student mentorship programs;
9 providing purpose of mentorship program; directing
10 school district to develop program guidelines and
11 eligibility criteria; listing program requirements;
12 stating teacher participation in the program is
13 voluntary; limiting number of students per teacher
14 mentor; establishing compensation for teacher
15 mentors; providing for codification; and providing an
16 effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.527-1 of Title 70, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. Schools may create teacher-to-student mentorship programs to
22 provide emotional, academic, and coping assistance to students who
23 have challenges at home and school.

24 B. A school district shall develop guidelines and eligibility
criteria for the mentorship program which are specific to the unique
faculty and student population of the school district.

1 C. The mentorship program shall:

2 1. Require written permission by the parent or legal guardian
3 of the student allowing the teacher to:

4 a. access school records and files of the student, and

5 b. schedule regular meetings with the student;

6 2. Include regularly scheduled meetings and conferences with
7 the parent or legal guardian of the student to provide updates and
8 progress reports on the status of the mentorship; and

9 3. Establish procedures for students who need to meet
10 immediately with their mentor teachers. If the school administrator
11 is unable to schedule a time for the student to meet with the mentor
12 teacher, another teacher may act as a substitute mentor teacher.
13 The substitute mentor teacher shall be compensated on a prorated
14 amount the teacher would be paid for regular instructional time.

15 D. Teachers shall not be required to participate in the
16 mentorship program. If a teacher chooses to serve as a mentor, the
17 teacher shall:

18 1. Only be permitted to serve as a mentor to up to three (3)
19 students each school year; and

20 2. Be compensated Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per
21 mentoring student each school year. This compensation shall be in
22 addition to the annual salary of the teacher in the form of extra-
23 duty pay.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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