

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 619
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Impact:	Permissive language

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for SB 619 allows high school sophomores who are at least 16 years old to enter into apprenticeships, internships and mentorships offered by their school. Previously only juniors and seniors could do so.

SB619 also allows school districts to obtain liability insurance to protect students who participate in these programs. Schools are prohibited from directly or indirectly charging a student or the student's parent for the cost of the insurance.

Lastly the committee substitute allows the State Board of Education to develop rules for determining whether apprenticeships can be used as credit toward graduation requirements.

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Fiscal Analysis

There will be a cost to the school district if it obtains insurance coverage for the students to participate in the program. There will be a cost to the State Department of Education (OSDE) to implement the requirements of the bill. Currently there is criteria set for how internships count for high school credit and associated course codes. However, OSDE anticipates that it will need to hire .5 to 1 FTE at a program specialist level to review the apprenticeships, internships and mentorships to determine if they are eligible for academic credit that will meet graduation requirements. This position will also be tasked with providing any technical assistance to the school districts.

Estimated cost to school district for liability insurance - unknown

Estimated Cost to OSDE - Program specialist at \$50,000 annual salary plus benefits (0.5 to 1 FTE) - \$40,622 - \$81,244

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Other Considerations

None.

