

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 619

By: Bullard

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 2, Chapter 244, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1210.528-1), which relates to the Apprenticeships, Internships and Mentorships (AIM) Act of 2016; allowing students in a certain grade who have reached a certain age to participate in certain programs; allowing the governing body of a school to obtain liability insurance coverage for certain students; establishing guidelines for coverage; prohibiting the governing body of a school from charging for certain coverage; providing certain construction; directing the State Board of Education to determine eligibility 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:

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

1 programs. Apprenticeships, internships and mentorships may be  
2 available to high school sophomores age sixteen (16) or older,  
3 juniors and seniors as permitted by each school. The  
4 apprenticeship, internship or mentorship may fill the requirement of  
5 elective courses as the student's schedule permits. A student may  
6 not use the apprenticeship, internship or mentorship to replace any  
7 other state education requirement, except as provided for in  
8 subsection D of this section.

9 B. The governing body of each school shall have the authority  
10 to adopt policies regarding the creation of apprenticeships,  
11 internships and mentorships that include the registration and  
12 qualifications for private or public organizations to participate in  
13 the apprenticeship, internship or mentorship program.

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

21 2. The governing body of a school may not directly or  
22 indirectly charge a student or the student's parent or legal  
23 guardian for the cost of providing insurance coverage pursuant to  
24 this subsection.

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

5       D. The State Board of Education shall review apprenticeships,  
6 internships and mentorships established pursuant to this section to  
7 determine if they are eligible for academic credit toward meeting  
8 the graduation requirements set forth in Section 11-103.6 of this  
9 title.

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

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

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