

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 195

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Apprenticeships, Internships and Mentorships (AIM) Act of 2016; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 1210.528-1, which relates to creation of apprenticeships, internships, and mentorships; updating statutory language; updating statutory reference; directing the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to obtain certain insurance coverage for certain participating students; prohibiting the Office of Management and Enterprise Services from directly or indirectly charging for the cost of providing insurance coverage; modifying certain construction; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, 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, public charter, or public virtual charter school in this state ~~(the school)~~ is shall be 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

1 school. The apprenticeship, internship, or mentorship may ~~fill~~  
2 fulfill the requirement of elective courses as the student's  
3 schedule permits. A student may not use the apprenticeship,  
4 internship, or mentorship to replace any other ~~state education~~  
5 curriculum requirement provided for in Section 11-103.6 of this  
6 title, except as provided for in subsection D of this section.

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

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

22 2. The ~~governing body of a school may~~ Office of Management and  
23 Enterprise Services shall not directly or indirectly charge a  
24 student ~~or~~, the student's parent or legal guardian, or the governing

1 body of a public, private, magnet, public charter, or public virtual  
2 charter school for the cost of providing insurance coverage pursuant  
3 to this subsection.

4 3. The failure of ~~a governing body~~ the Office of Management and  
5 Enterprise Services to obtain insurance coverage authorized by this  
6 subsection or to obtain a specific amount of coverage ~~may~~ shall not  
7 be construed as placing any legal liability on the student, the  
8 student's parent or legal guardian, or the governing body of the  
9 public, private, magnet, public charter, or public virtual charter  
10 school.

11 D. The State Board of Education may ~~develop~~ promulgate rules to  
12 determine if apprenticeships, internships, and mentorships  
13 established pursuant to this section are eligible for academic  
14 credit toward meeting the graduation requirements set forth in  
15 Section 11-103.6 of this title.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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

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