

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 25, 2020

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1532

By: Bullard

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7 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 2,
8 Chapter 244, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section
9 1210.528-1), which relates to the Apprenticeships,
10 Internships and Mentorships (AIM) Act of 2016;
11 allowing students in a certain grade who have reached
12 a certain age to participate in certain programs;
13 allowing the governing body of a school to obtain
14 liability insurance coverage for certain students;
15 establishing guidelines for coverage; prohibiting the
16 governing body of a school from charging for certain
17 coverage; providing certain construction; directing
18 the State Board of Education to determine eligibility
19 for certain academic credit; providing an effective
20 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 244, O.S.L.
23 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 1210.528-1), is amended to read as
24 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, 2020.

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.

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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