

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 522

By: Pugh

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-106.1, which relates to mentor teacher stipends; directing the allocation of funds to school districts for certain purpose; directing a mentor teacher to provide certain support to certain teachers; 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 6-106.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-106.1. ~~If funds are appropriated to the~~ A. The State Board of Education shall allocate funds to school districts for Mentor Teacher Stipends, ~~the~~ The funds shall be distributed by the Board to the school districts to provide a stipend ~~of~~ not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per year for each mentor teacher as defined in Section 6-182 of this title. In addition to the distribution of the five-hundred-dollar stipend, each district shall also receive the district's contribution amount necessary to meet the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (F.I.C.A.) requirements.

1 B. A mentor teacher shall provide guidance, support, coaching,
2 and assistance to a teacher in his or her first year of teaching at
3 an employing school district, regardless of the length of time the
4 teacher has been certified.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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

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