

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 619

By: Bullard and Jett of the
Senate

and

West (Kevin), Randleman,
Kendrix and Nollan of the
House

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.

SUBJECT: Schools

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the Senate the 29th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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