

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1115

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
8 Section 1210.528-1, which relates to the  
9 Apprenticeships, Internships and Mentorships (AIM)  
10 Act of 2016; allowing the governing body of schools  
11 rather than the State Board of Education to determine  
12 eligibility for certain academic credit; providing an  
13 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 1210.528-1,  
16 is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1210.528-1. A. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school  
18 year, the governing body of each public, private, magnet, charter,  
19 or virtual charter school in this state (the school) is authorized  
20 to enter into an agreement with private or public organizations for  
21 the purpose of creating apprenticeship, internship, and mentorship  
22 programs. Apprenticeships, internships, and mentorships may be  
23 available to high school sophomores age sixteen (16) or older,  
24 juniors, and seniors as permitted by each school. The  
25 apprenticeship, internship, or mentorship may fill the requirement

1 of elective courses as the student's schedule permits. A student  
2 may not use the apprenticeship, internship, or mentorship to replace  
3 any other state education requirement, except as provided for in  
4 subsection D of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

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

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