SENATE BILL NO. 522

By: Pugh, Pemberton, and Stanley

[ teachers - stipends - effective date - 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 State Board of Education shall allocate funds to school districts for Mentor Teacher Stipends, 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.

B. A mentor teacher shall provide guidance, support, coaching, and assistance to a teacher in his or her first year of teaching at an employing school district, regardless of the length of time the teacher has been certified.
SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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