



ROSENSTEIN, FIST & RINGOLD

RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: June 4, 2021

Re: SB 1038

Signed: May 21, 2021

Effective: July 1, 2021

Topic: Paid Teacher Internships

Summary: This Act primarily amends the definition of “student teacher” in OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 1-116 and makes student teachers serving an internship under the supervision of a certified teacher eligible to receive compensation beginning on the first day of their internship for up to one full year, provided that such compensation shall not be considered “compensation” for the purposes of teacher retirement or the minimum salary schedule. The Act also amends OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 6-186 to delete the requirement that these students must have completed the minimum number of teacher internship requirements established by their higher education institution before participating in a paid internship.

Please visit the firm’s website to view the signed Act.

RFR attorneys are reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.