

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3046

By: Caldwell (Trey), Roberts
(Dustin), Rosecrants,
Ranson, Albright,
3 Dunnington, Pae, Branham
and Phillips of the House

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5 and

6 Montgomery and Kidd of the
7 Senate

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10 [officers - Oklahoma Religious Freedom Act -
11 effective date]

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 51 O.S. 2011, Section 253, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 253. A. Except as provided in subsection B of this
19 section, no governmental entity shall substantially burden a
20 person's free exercise of religion even if the burden results from a
21 rule of general applicability.

22 B. No governmental entity shall substantially burden a person's
23 free exercise of religion unless it demonstrates that application of
24 the burden to the person is:

- 1 1. Essential to further a compelling governmental interest; and
2 2. The least restrictive means of furthering that compelling
3 governmental interest.

4 C. A school or school district policy prohibiting students from
5 wearing tribal regalia during high school graduations, if that
6 conduct is motivated by the student's religious beliefs, shall be
7 considered to substantially burden the student's free exercise of
8 religion. For purposes of this section, a "compelling governmental
9 interest" shall not include the school policy described in this
10 subsection if the interest is primarily a mere desire for aesthetic
11 uniformity.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

13 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2020.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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18 Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2020.

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