

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 238

By: Pemberton of the Senate

3 and

4 Nollan of the House  
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6 An Act relating to schools; creating a task force to  
7 study and make recommendations regarding a  
8 requirement for high school students to complete  
9 certain application prior to graduation; providing  
10 expiration date; providing for membership; providing  
11 for naming of co-chairs; requiring appointments by  
12 certain date; requiring organizational meeting by  
13 certain date; specifying quorum; providing for  
14 frequency of meetings; subjecting meetings to the  
15 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; prohibiting compensation  
16 or travel reimbursement for members; providing for  
17 staff support; requiring submission of certain report  
18 by certain date; providing for codification;  
19 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
20 emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-112 of Title 70, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2021, a task  
force to study whether to require high school students to complete  
the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as a  
prerequisite for high school graduation.

1 B. The task force shall be comprised of nine (9) members to be  
2 appointed as follows:

3 1. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a  
4 designee;

5 2. The Chancellor of Higher Education or a designee;

6 3. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and  
7 Technology Education or a designee;

8 4. One member who represents an institution within The Oklahoma  
9 State System of Higher Education, appointed by the Chancellor of  
10 Higher Education;

11 5. One member who represents a school district with an average  
12 daily membership (ADM) of more than nine thousand (9,000), appointed  
13 by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction;

14 6. One member who represents a school district with an ADM of  
15 more than one thousand five hundred (1,500) but less than nine  
16 thousand (9,000), appointed by the State Superintendent of Public  
17 Instruction;

18 7. One member who represents a school district with an ADM of  
19 less than one thousand five hundred (1,500), appointed by the State  
20 Superintendent of Public Instruction;

21 8. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro  
22 Tempore of the Senate; and

23 9. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the  
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

1 C. The co-chairs of the task force shall be the member of the  
2 Senate and the member of the House of Representatives.

3 D. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty  
4 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force  
5 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than September 1,  
6 2021.

7 E. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any  
8 final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, five  
9 members shall constitute a quorum.

10 F. The task force may meet as often as may be required to  
11 perform the duties imposed upon it.

12 G. The meetings of the task force shall be subject to the  
13 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

14 H. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or  
15 travel reimbursement.

16 I. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the  
17 Senate shall provide staff and administrative support for the task  
18 force.

19 J. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and  
20 recommendations by December 31, 2021, to the Governor, the President  
21 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
22 Representatives.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.  
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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 3rd day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2021.

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of Representatives