

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 9, 2021

3 SENATE BILL NO. 238

By: Pemberton of the Senate

4 and

5 Nollan of the House

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

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

24 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-112 of Title 70, unless there
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

1 the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as a
2 prerequisite for high school graduation.

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

5 1. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a
6 designee;

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 8. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro
24 Tempore of the Senate; and

1 9. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

5 D. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
6 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force
7 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than September 1,
8 2021.

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

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

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

16 H. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or
17 travel reimbursement.

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

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

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

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

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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