

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3507

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

25 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2022, a task
26 force to study the feasibility of requiring high school students to
27 complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as a
28 prerequisite for high school graduation. The study shall include

1 review of the opportunity for students to opt out of the
2 requirement.

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 Oklahoma State Senate, appointed by the
24 President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

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

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

6 D. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
7 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force
8 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than September 1,
9 2021.

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

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

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

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

19 I. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the
20 Oklahoma House of Representatives shall provide staff and
21 administrative support for the task force.

22 J. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
23 recommendations by December 31, 2022, to the Governor, the President
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1 Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and the Speaker of the
2 Oklahoma House of Representatives.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

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

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