

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

SENATE BILL 238

By: Pemberton

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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