

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 93

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring students beginning in certain school year to complete certain form in order to graduate from a public high school; providing exceptions; directing the State Department of Education to develop and publish certain materials and form; directing school district superintendents to designate certain employee to collect certain information; requiring collection of information to comply with certain act; providing for promulgation of rules; 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 1210.508-6 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Except as provided for in subsection B of this section, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, in order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education, students shall complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

1 B. A student shall not be required to comply with the
2 provisions of subsection A of this section if:

3 1. The student's parent or legal guardian submits a signed form
4 authorizing the student to opt out of the requirement of subsection
5 A of this section;

6 2. A student age eighteen (18) or older submits a signed form
7 authorizing him or her to opt out of the requirement of subsection A
8 of this section; or

9 3. A school counselor authorizes a student to opt out of the
10 requirement of subsection A of this section.

11 C. The State Department of Education shall develop and publish:

12 1. Materials for students, parents, and legal guardians
13 explaining the requirements to complete the FAFSA, the benefits to
14 completing the FAFSA, and the opt-out provisions described in
15 subsection B of this section; and

16 2. An opt-out form to be used by school districts, charter
17 schools, and virtual charter schools for the purposes outlined in
18 subsection B of this section.

19 D. The superintendent of each school district in this state
20 shall designate a school employee to collect information regarding
21 student compliance with subsection A or B of this section. The
22 collection and storage of the information shall comply with the
23 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

1 E. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
2 implement the provisions of this section, which shall address the
3 method by which a student is to provide proof to a school district,
4 public charter school, or virtual charter school that the student
5 has completed and submitted the FAFSA as required by subsection A of
6 this section.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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

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