An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 93

By: Rader and Boren of the Senate

and

Moore, Provenzano, and Waldron of the House

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.

SUBJECT: Graduation requirements

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).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 9th day of March, 2023.

Brent Howard

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 1st day of May, 2023, at 2:13 o'clock p. M.

By: Susan Curry

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 5th day of May, 2023, at 10:11 o'clock a. M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 5th day of May, 2023, at 11:50 o'clock A. M.

By: Brian Bingman