

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 429

By: Montgomery and Boren of the
Senate

and

Caldwell (Trey), Archer,
Pae, Rosecrants, Dollens,
Provenzano, Luttrell,
Ranson, Alonso-Sandoval,
Fugate, Swope, Waldron,
Deck, Bashore, Hefner,
Menz, Manger, Munson, and
Turner of the House

An Act relating to students; allowing students enrolled in certain schools to wear tribal regalia during graduation ceremonies; clarifying authority of certain personnel to regulate student behavior pursuant to certain act; allowing a student enrolled in certain institutions to wear tribal regalia during graduation ceremonies; allowing adoption of certain policy; defining term; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Graduation ceremonies

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 24-160 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. 1. A student enrolled in a public school district, a public charter school, or a technology center school may wear tribal

regalia during the school's official graduation ceremonies, whether held at a public or private location.

2. Nothing in this subsection shall limit or alter the authority of school personnel to regulate student behavior pursuant to the School Safety and Bullying Prevention Act.

B. A student enrolled in an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education may wear tribal regalia during the institution's official graduation ceremonies, whether held at a public or private location.

C. A school district board of education, a governing board of a charter school, a governing board of a technology center school, or the board of regents of an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education may adopt a policy pursuant to the provisions of this section, which may specify the characteristics of any garment, jewelry, other adornment, or object that the school or institution finds will endanger the safety of a student or others or interfere with graduation ceremonies if worn by a student.

D. For the purposes of this section, "tribal regalia" means traditional garments, jewelry, other adornments such as an eagle feather, an eagle plume, a beaded cap, a stole, or similar objects of cultural and religious significance worn by members of a federally recognized Indian tribe or the tribe of another country. Tribal regalia does not include any firearm or other weapon. Tribal regalia does not include any object that is otherwise prohibited by federal law, except in compliance with an appropriate federal permit.

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 22nd day of March, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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