

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 429

By: Montgomery and Boren of the
Senate

3 and

4 Caldwell (Trey) of the
5 House

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

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-160 of Title 70, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. 1. A student enrolled in a public school district, a public
22 charter school, or a technology center school may wear tribal
23 regalia during the school's official graduation ceremonies, whether
24 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.

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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7 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
8 2023.

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