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2 held at a public or private location.

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

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

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

18 D. For the purposes of this section, "tribal regalia" means  
19 traditional garments, jewelry, other adornments such as an eagle  
20 feather, an eagle plume, a beaded cap, a stole, or similar objects  
21 of cultural and religious significance worn by members of a  
22 federally recognized Indian tribe or the tribe of another country.  
23 Tribal regalia does not include any firearm or other weapon. Tribal  
24 regalia does not include any object that is otherwise prohibited by

1 federal law, except in compliance with an appropriate federal  
2 permit.

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

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

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 04/11/2023  
- DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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