| 1 | HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION |
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| 2 | STATE OF OKLAHOMA |
| 3 | 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023) |
| 4 | ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 429 By: Montgomery and Boren of the |
| 5 | BILL NO. 429 By: Montgomery and Boren of the Senate |
| 6 | and |
| 7 | Caldwell (Trey), Archer, Pae, Rosecrants, and |
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| 11 | An Act relating to students; allowing students enrolled in certain schools to wear tribal regalia |
| 12 | during graduation ceremonies; clarifying authority of certain personnel to regulate student behavior |
| 13 | pursuant to certain act; allowing a student enrolled in certain institutions to wear tribal regalia during |
| 14 | graduation ceremonies; allowing adoption of certain policy; defining term; providing for codification; |
| 15 | providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency. |
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| 18 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: |
| 19 | SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified |
| 20 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-160 of Title 70, unless there |
| 21 | is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: |
| 22 | A. 1. A student enrolled in a public school district, a public |
| 23 | charter school, or a technology center school may wear tribal |
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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 10 charter school, a governing board of a technology center school, or 11 12 the board of regents of an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education may adopt a policy pursuant to the 13 provisions of this section, which may specify the characteristics of 14 any garment, jewelry, other adornment, or object that the school or 15 institution finds will endanger the safety of a student or others or 16 interfere with graduation ceremonies if worn by a student. 17

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

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

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