

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 21, 2023

3 SENATE BILL NO. 93

By: Rader of the Senate

4 and

5 Moore of the House

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8 An Act relating to schools; requiring students  
9 beginning in certain school year to complete certain  
10 form in order to graduate from a public high school;  
11 providing exceptions; directing the State Department  
12 of Education to develop and publish certain materials  
13 and form; directing school district superintendents  
14 to designate certain employee to collect certain  
15 information; requiring collection of information to  
16 comply with certain act; providing for promulgation  
17 of rules; providing for codification; providing an  
18 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.508-6 of Title 70, unless  
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. Except as provided for in subsection B of this section,  
24 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, in order to graduate from  
25 a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education,  
26 students shall complete and submit a Free Application for Federal  
27 Student Aid (FAFSA).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
13 February 21, 2023 - DO PASS  
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