

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 SENATE BILL 429

By: Montgomery

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to students; allowing a student  
8 enrolled in certain school to wear tribal regalia on  
9 school property or at certain functions; clarifying  
10 authority of certain personnel to regulate student  
11 behavior pursuant to certain act; allowing a student  
12 enrolled in certain institution to wear tribal  
13 regalia on campus or at certain functions; allowing  
14 adoption of certain policy; defining term; providing  
15 for codification; providing an effective date; and  
16 declaring an 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 on school property or at any school function, whether it is  
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 on the  
3 institution's campus or at any institution function, whether it is  
4 held at a 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 the learning environment if worn by a student during  
13 a specified activity.

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

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