

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2696 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Amendment submitted by: Ross Ford

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 PROPOSED POLICY  
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2696

By: Ford

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8 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Open Records Act;  
10 amending 51 O.S. 2021, Section 24A.16, as amended by  
11 Section 1, Chapter 86, O.S.L. 2024 (51 O.S. Supp.  
12 2024, Section 24A.16), which relates to educational  
13 records; requiring schools to release certain records  
14 to parents, guardians, or adult students; requiring  
15 records to be provided in a timely manner; mandating  
16 that certain record requests be provided for free;  
17 specifying that certain information cannot be  
18 omitted; providing examples of certain records; and  
19 providing an effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 51 O.S. 2021, Section 24A.16, as  
22 amended by Section 1, Chapter 86, O.S.L. 2024 (51 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
23 Section 24A.16), is amended to read as follows:

24 Section 24A.16. A. Except as set forth in subsection B of this  
section, public educational institutions and their employees may  
keep confidential:

1. Individual student records;

- 1        2. Teacher lesson plans, tests and other teaching material;
- 2        3. Personal communications concerning individual students; and
- 3        4. Any contract for use of a student athlete's name, image, or
- 4 likeness disclosed to a postsecondary institution pursuant to the
- 5 Student Athlete Name, Image and Likeness Rights Act.

6        B. If kept, statistical information not identified with a  
7 particular student and directory information shall be open for  
8 inspection and copying. Except as provided in subsection C of this  
9 section, each educational institution may choose to designate  
10 specific information which shall be classified as directory  
11 information for students attending the educational institution. In  
12 accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act,  
13 Section 1232g of Title 20 of the United States Code and Part 99 of  
14 Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, "directory information"  
15 includes a student's name, address, telephone listing, date and  
16 place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially  
17 recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of  
18 athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received,  
19 and the most recent previous educational institution attended by the  
20 student. Any educational agency or institution making public  
21 directory information shall give public notice of the categories of  
22 information which it has designated as directory information with  
23 respect to each student attending the institution or agency and  
24 shall allow a reasonable period of time after the notice has been

1 given for a parent or guardian to inform the institution or agency  
2 that any or all of the information designated should not be released  
3 without prior consent of the parent or guardian or the student if  
4 the student is eighteen (18) years of age or older.

5 C. All educational agencies or institutions which are not the  
6 primary custodians of student directory information of students  
7 attending the educational institution, but which are allowed to  
8 access the information for educational purposes, shall be prohibited  
9 from releasing or selling any or all student directory information  
10 unless disclosure is authorized by the Family Educational Rights and  
11 Privacy Act, Section 1232g of Title 20 of the United States Code and  
12 Part 99 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or Section  
13 3-168 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

14 D. A public school district may release individual student  
15 records for the current or previous school year to a school district  
16 at which the student was previously enrolled for purposes of  
17 evaluating educational programs and school effectiveness.

18 E. Notwithstanding any provisions of this section, public  
19 educational institutions and their employees shall release all  
20 requested student records to the student's parent or guardian, or to  
21 the student themselves if he or she is eighteen (18) years of age or  
22 older, if the records are requested by the parent, guardian, or the  
23 adult student. Such records shall be provided in a timely manner in  
24 accordance with the Oklahoma Open Records Act. An educational

1 institution shall provide such records free of charge, and shall not  
2 redact or otherwise omit any information from the record, unless  
3 including such information would violate the law. Records related  
4 to a student include, but are not limited to, personal  
5 communications concerning the student, any school staff or teacher  
6 correspondence, individual student records, meeting notes, student  
7 athlete contracts, proposed changes to an Individualized Education  
8 Program or other program for students with disabilities, student  
9 assessments, progress reports, and internal complaints and  
10 recommendations regarding the student.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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