

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2696

By: Ford of the House

and

Rader of the Senate

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 directory information shall give public notice of the categories of
2 information which it has designated as directory information with
3 respect to each student attending the institution or agency and
4 shall allow a reasonable period of time after the notice has been
5 given for a parent or guardian to inform the institution or agency
6 that any or all of the information designated should not be released
7 without prior consent of the parent or guardian or the student if
8 the student is eighteen (18) years of age or older.

9 C. All educational agencies or institutions which are not the
10 primary custodians of student directory information of students
11 attending the educational institution, but which are allowed to
12 access the information for educational purposes, shall be prohibited
13 from releasing or selling any or all student directory information
14 unless disclosure is authorized by the Family Educational Rights and
15 Privacy Act, Section 1232g of Title 20 of the United States Code and
16 Part 99 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or Section
17 3-168 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

18 D. A public school district may release individual student
19 records for the current or previous school year to a school district
20 at which the student was previously enrolled for purposes of
21 evaluating educational programs and school effectiveness.

22 E. Notwithstanding any provisions of this section, public
23 educational institutions and their employees shall release all
24 requested student records to the student's parent or guardian, or to

1 the student themselves if he or she is eighteen (18) years of age or
2 older, if the records are requested by the parent, guardian, or the
3 adult student. Such records shall be provided in a timely manner in
4 accordance with the Oklahoma Open Records Act. An educational
5 institution shall provide such records free of charge, and shall not
6 redact or otherwise omit any information from the record, unless
7 including such information would violate the law. Records related
8 to a student include, but are not limited to, personal
9 communications concerning the student related to IEPs, behaviors
10 that result in a disciplinary action, or official school activities
11 including student-teacher meetings, any school staff or teacher
12 correspondence, individual student records, meeting notes, student
13 athlete contracts, proposed changes to an Individualized Education
14 Program or other program for students with disabilities, student
15 assessments, progress reports, and internal complaints and
16 recommendations regarding the student.

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

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OVERSIGHT, dated
20 02/26/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended.
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