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To enact section 3313.614 of the Revised Code to grant
high school diplomas to World War II veterans.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3313.614 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 3313.614. (A)(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of
sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the Revised Code, the board of
education of any city, exempted village, or local school district
may grant a high school diploma to any World War II veteran who is
a resident of the district if all of the following apply:

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(a) The veteran left public high school prior to graduation
in order to serve in the armed forces of the United States.

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(b) The veteran received an honorable discharge from the
armed forces of the United States.

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(c) The veteran has not been granted a diploma as provided in
section 3313.61 or 3313.612 of the Revised Code or a diploma of

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adult education as provided in section 3313.611 of the Revised Code.

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(2) If the district is not the school district that contains the territory in which the World War II veteran attended high school immediately prior to serving in the armed forces, prior to awarding a diploma under this section the board of education shall obtain the written approval of the board of education of that district that does contain the territory in which the veteran attended high school immediately prior to serving in the armed forces.

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(3) If a veteran that would otherwise qualify for a diploma under this section is deceased, the board of education of the district in which the veteran last resided may award such diploma to the veteran posthumously and may present that diploma to a living relative of the veteran.

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(B) The governor's office of veterans' affairs, in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, and with the advice and consent of the veterans advisory committee established under division (K) of section 5902.02 of the Revised Code, shall develop and adopt rules to implement this section. Such rules shall include, but not be limited to, rules establishing procedures for application and verification of eligible veterans for a diploma under this section.

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