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**A B I L L**

To amend section 3313.616 of the Revised Code to 1  
grant high school diplomas to veterans of the 2  
Korean Conflict and to expand eligibility for 3  
diplomas to certain non-resident veterans who 4  
attended Ohio high schools. 5

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

**Section 1.** That section 3313.616 of the Revised Code be 6  
amended to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 3313.616.** (A)(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of 8  
sections 3313.61, 3313.611, and 3313.612 of the Revised Code, the 9  
board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school 10

district or the governing authority of any chartered nonpublic 11  
school may grant a high school diploma to any ~~World War II~~ veteran 12  
of World War II or the Korean conflict who is a resident of this 13  
state or who was previously enrolled in any high school in this 14  
state if all of the following apply: 15

(a) The veteran left a public or nonpublic school located in 16  
any state prior to graduation in order to serve in the armed 17  
forces of the United States. 18

(b) The veteran received an honorable discharge from the 19  
armed forces of the United States. 20

(c) The veteran has not been granted a diploma as provided in 21  
section 3313.61 or 3313.612 of the Revised Code, a diploma of 22  
adult education as provided in section 3313.611 of the Revised 23  
Code, or a diploma under this section. 24

(2) If a veteran who would otherwise qualify for a diploma 25  
under this section is deceased, the board of education of any 26  
school district or the governing authority of any chartered 27  
nonpublic school may award such diploma to the veteran 28  
posthumously and may present that diploma to a living relative of 29  
the veteran. 30

(B) The governor's office of veterans' affairs, in accordance 31  
with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, and with the advice and 32  
consent of the veterans advisory committee established under 33  
division (K) of section 5902.02 of the Revised Code, shall develop 34  
and adopt rules to implement this section. Such rules shall 35  
include, but not be limited to, rules establishing procedures for 36  
application and verification of eligible veterans for a diploma 37  
under this section. 38

**Section 2.** That existing section 3313.616 of the Revised Code 39  
is hereby repealed. 40