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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 certain veterans of 2  
the Vietnam Conflict and to permit school 3  
districts, educational service centers, and county 4  
MR/DD boards in fiscal year 2006 to apply to use 5  
funds appropriated for school bus purchases to pay 6  
the cost of purchasing fuel for buses. 7

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

**Section 1.** That section 3313.616 of the Revised Code be 8  
amended to read as follows: 9

Sec. 3313.616. (A)(1) Notwithstanding the requirements of 10  
sections 3313.61, 3313.611, and 3313.612 of the Revised Code, the 11  
board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school 12  
district or the governing authority of any chartered nonpublic 13  
school may grant a high school diploma to any veteran of World War 14  
II ~~or~~, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam conflict who is a 15  
resident of this state or who was previously enrolled in any high 16  
school in this state if all of the following apply: 17

(a) The veteran either: 18

(i) Left a public or nonpublic school located in any state 19  
prior to graduation in order to serve in the armed forces of the 20  
United States; 21

(ii) Left a public or nonpublic school located in any state 22  
prior to graduation due to family circumstances and subsequently 23  
entered the armed forces of the United States. 24

(b) The veteran received an honorable discharge from the 25  
armed forces of the United States. 26

(c) The veteran has not been granted a diploma as provided in 27  
section 3313.61 or 3313.612 of the Revised Code, a diploma of 28  
adult education as provided in section 3313.611 of the Revised 29  
Code, or a diploma under this section. 30

(2) If a veteran who would otherwise qualify for a diploma 31  
under this section is deceased, the board of education of any 32  
school district or the governing authority of any chartered 33  
nonpublic school may award such diploma to the veteran 34  
posthumously and may present that diploma to a living relative of 35  
the veteran. 36

(B) The governor's office of veterans' affairs, in accordance 37  
with section 111.15 of the Revised Code, and with the advice and 38  
consent of the veterans advisory committee established under 39

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

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**Section 3.** (A) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in  
division (E) of section 3317.024 of the Revised Code, in section  
3317.07 of the Revised Code or in rules adopted under that  
section, or in Section 206.09.21 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th  
General Assembly, during fiscal year 2006 only, upon receipt of a  
waiver granted by the Superintendent of Public Instruction a  
school district, educational service center, or county MR/DD board  
may use the portion of the funds paid under appropriation item  
200-503, Bus Purchase Allowance, as approved in the waiver for  
purchasing fuel for school buses.

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(B) In the manner specified by the Superintendent of Public  
Instruction for purposes of this section, a school district,  
educational service center, or county MR/DD board may apply to the  
Superintendent for a waiver to use all or a portion of the funds  
paid during fiscal year 2006 under appropriation item 200-503, Bus  
Purchase Allowance, to purchase fuel for school buses. The  
Superintendent may grant a waiver to a school district,  
educational service center, or county MR/DD board only if the  
district, service center, or county MR/DD board demonstrates to  
the Superintendent's satisfaction that it has a sufficient supply  
of buses or contracted bus service to meet its pupil  
transportation obligations for fiscal year 2006 without spending  
all or part of its allocation of funds under appropriation item  
200-503, Bus Purchase Allowance. The Superintendent shall

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prescribe in the waiver the portion of those funds that may be  
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