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Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Permits school district boards of education and chartered nonpublic schools to issue high school diplomas to veterans of the Vietnam Conflict (in addition to veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict, as under current law) who left school to serve in the armed forces or who left school due to family circumstances and subsequently joined the armed forces.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Current law allows a board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school district or the governing authority of any chartered nonpublic school to grant a high school diploma to certain veterans of World War II or the Korean Conflict who do not already have an Ohio high school diploma or a diploma of adult education. A veteran who is an Ohio resident or, if not currently a resident, was previously enrolled in any Ohio high school can qualify for a diploma if the veteran left a public or nonpublic school located in *any* state prior to graduation either (1) in order to serve in the armed forces or (2) because of family circumstances and subsequently entered the armed forces. In addition, the veteran must have been honorably discharged from the armed forces. In the case of a veteran who is deceased, the diploma may be awarded posthumously and presented to a living relative.¹ (R.C. 3313.616.)

¹ *The Governor's Office of Veterans' Affairs is directed to adopt rules to implement these provisions, including rules establishing procedures for application and verification of eligible veterans for diplomas. See Ohio Administrative Code 5902-3-01.*

The bill extends these diploma provisions to veterans of the Vietnam Conflict.

HISTORY

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