
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Over the years, many young Americans have had
2 their education interrupted or curtailed due to compulsory
3 induction into the military during times of conflict. Others
4 had their schooling interrupted due to wartime practices, such
5 as the internment of Japanese and Japanese-Americans during
6 World War II.

7 The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of
8 education to establish a program for granting high school
9 diplomas to veterans of the armed services who could not finish
10 high school due to compulsory service in the armed services of
11 the United States during World War II, the Korean conflict, and
12 the Vietnam war, as well as those who did not complete high
13 school because of wartime practices.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
16 designated and to read as follows:

17 "§302A- Graduate equivalency diploma for armed services
18 veterans and others. (a) The department shall establish a



1 program to award graduate equivalency diplomas to qualified
2 veterans who did not receive a high school diploma as a result
3 of compulsory induction into active service in the armed forces
4 of the United States.

5 (b) For purposes of this section, a "qualified veteran" is
6 a person who:

7 (1) Was a resident of the Territory of Hawaii or the
8 State, as the case may be, at the time of induction
9 into the armed forces of the United States;

10 (2) Was compulsorily inducted into the armed forces of the
11 United States between:

12 (A) December 1, 1941 and August 30, 1945;

13 (B) June 1, 1950 and July 31, 1953; or

14 (C) August 1, 1964 and January 31, 1973;

15 provided that the department may consider extending
16 these time periods through rules adopted under chapter
17 91;

18 (3) Was inducted while attending or enrolled to attend
19 high school in the Territory of Hawaii or the State,
20 as the case may be; and

21 (4) Did not complete the high school curriculum and
22 receive a high school diploma.



1 (c) The department shall also award a graduate equivalency
2 diploma to a person whose high school education was interrupted
3 due to wartime practices such as internment for reason of
4 ethnicity during World War II.

5 (d) Qualified persons may submit to the department, on
6 forms that the department shall prescribe, information
7 establishing eligibility for the award of a graduate equivalency
8 diploma."

9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Department of Education; Veterans; Graduate Equivalency Diploma

Description:

Directs the department of education to establish a program to award high school diplomas to armed forces veterans drafted during World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam War, as well as to those whose schooling was interrupted due to certain wartime practices as internment. (SD2)

