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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 or war.
4 Others have had their schooling interrupted due to wartime
5 practices, such as the internment of Japanese and Japanese-
6 Americans during World War II.

7 The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of
8 education to establish a program to grant high school diplomas
9 to veterans of the armed services who could not complete their
10 high school education due to compulsory service in the armed
11 services of the United States during world war II, the Korean
12 conflict, and the Vietnam war, as well as those who did not
13 complete high 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 a graduate equivalency diploma 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
4 services 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 State;

8 (2) Was compulsorily inducted into the armed services of
9 the United States between:

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

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

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

13 while attending or enrolled to attend a high school in
14 the State; provided that the department may consider
15 extending these time periods through rules adopted
16 under chapter 91; and

17 (3) Did not complete a high school curriculum and receive
18 a high school diploma.

19 (c) The department shall also award a graduate equivalency
20 diploma to any person whose high school education was
21 interrupted due to wartime practices such as internment during
22 World War II.



1 (d) Qualified persons shall submit to the department, on
2 forms that the department shall prescribe, information
3 establishing eligibility for the award of a graduate equivalency
4 diploma provided under this section."

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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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 services veterans drafted during World War II, Korean conflict, and Vietnam War, as well as to those whose schooling was interrupted due to wartime practices.

