
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 honorary high school
9 diplomas to veterans of the armed services who could not
10 complete their high school education due to compulsory service
11 in the armed services of the United States during World War II,
12 the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam War, as well as those who
13 did not 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- Honorary diploma for armed services veterans and
18 others. (a) The department shall establish a program to award



1 an honorary diploma to qualified veterans who did not receive a
2 high school diploma as a result of compulsory induction into
3 active service in the armed services of the United States.

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

6 (1) Was a resident of the state;

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (c) The department shall also award an honorary diploma to
19 any person whose high school education was interrupted due to
20 wartime practices such as internment during World War II.

21 (d) Qualified persons shall submit to the department, on
22 forms that the department shall prescribe, information



1 establishing eligibility for the award of an honorary diploma
2 under this section."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Department of Education; Veterans; Honorary Diploma

Description:

Directs the department of education to establish a program to award honorary 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. (SB618 HD1)

