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HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS

House Bill 4733

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Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4733 AS INTRODUCED 5-8-01

House Bill 4733 would create a new act to allow school district boards to award high school diplomas to World War II veterans, and it would make the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs responsible for the program.

Under the bill, the board of a school district could award a high school diploma to a military veteran if he or she was at least 65 years old when making application for the diploma, and the board was satisfied that all of the following were true: a) before graduating high school, the veteran enlisted in, or was drafted into, the armed forces of the United States during World War II, between December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945; b) at the time he or she was drafted or enlisted, the veteran was enrolled in a high school in the school district; c) the veteran had not graduated from high school; and d) the veteran had served under honorable conditions during World War II.

The bill would require that an application form be prescribed by the Veterans Affairs Directorate of the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, and that the department notify the board of each school district of the bill and take steps to encourage each district to meet the objective of the bill. Further, it specifies that the application for the diploma could be completed by the veteran, or by the veteran's spouse, brother, sister, children, or grandchildren.

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