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H.B. 4613: FLOOR ANALYSIS

House Bill 4613 (as reported without amendment) Sponsor: Representative Hooh-Yung Hopgood

House Committee: Education Senate Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 181 of 2001, which authorizes school boards to award high school diplomas to certain World War II veterans, to permit school boards to award high school diplomas to certain Korean war veterans.

Under the Act, the board of a school district may award a high school diploma to a "qualified military veteran", which means a veteran who, before graduation from high school, had enlisted in, or was drafted into, the armed forces during World War II between December 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946; who is at least 65 years old, if living, or had attained 65 years, if deceased; who did not graduate from high school; and who served under honorable conditions during World War II. At the time he or she was drafted or enlisted, the veteran must have been enrolled in a high school in the district to which he or she applies for a diploma.

The bill would add a veteran who served in the Korean conflict between June 27, 1950, and January 31, 1955, to the definition of "qualified military veteran". The remaining conditions that apply to a World War II veteran also would apply to a Korean war veteran.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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