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(As Introduced)

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Authorizes boards of education to grant high school diplomas to surviving veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam conflict.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

Under existing law, a high school diploma may be granted to persons who successfully complete a high school curriculum or the individualized education program developed for them by a high school and who attain the applicable scores as specified by law for the statewide proficiency tests unless they are excused from taking those tests. An honors diploma may be granted to persons who meet those criteria and additional criteria established by the State Board of Education. Under specified circumstances, a person who has not been granted a high school or honors diploma may be awarded an adult education diploma. (Secs. 3313.61, 3313.611, and 3313.612, not in the bill.)

The bill authorizes the board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school district to grant a high school diploma to any surviving veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam conflict. A board of education may do so notwithstanding the fact that a veteran has not taken proficiency tests or may not satisfy other requirements for a high school diploma. The Governor's Office of Veterans' Affairs, with the advice and consent of its Veterans Advisory Committee, is required to develop and adopt rules establishing procedures for application and verification of eligibility of veterans. The Office may consult with the Department of Education in developing the rules. (Sec. 3313.614(B) and (C).)

Under the bill, to be eligible, an honorably discharged veteran who has not otherwise received a high school diploma, an honors diploma, or an adult

education diploma may receive a high school diploma from either the school district where the veteran currently resides or the school district in which the veteran attended public high school immediately before serving in the armed forces. The veteran must have left public high school before graduation in order to serve in the armed forces. (Sec. 3313.614(B).)

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