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## Bill Analysis

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#### BILL SUMMARY

- Permits school district boards of education and chartered nonpublic schools to issue high school diplomas to veterans of the Korean Conflict (in addition to veterans of World War II as under current law) who left school to serve in the armed forces of the United States.
- Expands the eligibility for a high school diploma issued to qualified veterans to those who are not currently residents of Ohio but who were previously enrolled in a high school in Ohio.

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#### CONTENT AND OPERATION

Under current law, the board of education of any city, exempted village, or local school district or the governing authority of any chartered nonpublic school may grant a high school diploma to a qualified veteran of World War II who does not already have an Ohio high school diploma or a diploma of adult education. To qualify, a veteran must be a resident of Ohio, must have left a public or nonpublic school located in *any* state in order to serve in the United States armed forces, and must have been honorably discharged from the armed forces. Current law also permits a district board or a nonpublic school governing authority to grant a high school diploma to a qualified World War II veteran posthumously and to present that diploma to a living relative of the veteran.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>R.C. 3313.616. *The Governor's Office of Veterans Affairs, with the advice and consent of its Veterans Advisory Committee, is required to adopt rules to implement the diploma provision, which are to include at least procedures for applying for the diploma and for verifying the eligibility of applicants. (See Ohio Administrative Code 5902-3-01.)*

The bill extends these provisions to any veteran of the Korean Conflict who meets the other qualifications. In addition, the bill expands the eligibility for a diploma to a veteran (of World War II or the Korean Conflict) who is not currently a resident of the state but who was previously enrolled in a high school in Ohio.

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