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*Bill Analysis*  
*Legislative Service Commission*

## **Sub. H.B. 75\***

125th General Assembly  
(As Reported by S. Education)

Reps. **Buehrer, Olman, T. Patton, Gilb, Wagner, Webster, Kearns, Husted, Flowers, Cates, Hoops, McGregor, Calvert, Aslanides, Jerse, Carano, DeBose, Allen, Distel, DePiero, Young, Faber, Gibbs, Oelslager, Carmichael, Schmidt, Perry, Strahorn, J. Stewart, C. Evans, D. Evans, Boccieri, Latta, Driehaus, Grendell, Clancy, Brown, Schaffer, Setzer, Chandler, Seaver, Woodard, Reidelbach, Williams, Taylor, Hartnett, Callender, Barrett, Beatty, Book, Cirelli, Collier, Core, Daniels, Domenick, Hagan, Harwood, Hollister, Hughes, Key, Koziura, Martin, Mason, Miller, Niehaus, Otterman, S. Patton, Peterson, Price, Raga, Redfern, Schlichter, Schneider, Skindell, G. Smith, S. Smith, D. Stewart, Sykes, Trakas, Walcher, White, Widener, Widowfield, Willamowski, Wolpert, Yates**

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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 eligibility for a high school diploma issued to qualified veterans to (1) those who are not currently residents of Ohio but who were previously enrolled in a high school in Ohio and (2) those who left school due to family circumstances and subsequently joined the armed forces.
- Expands the possible educational qualifications for a candidate for county sheriff to include those persons who have completed two years in a career school that holds an Ohio certificate of registration.
- Declares an emergency.

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\* *This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Education Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.*

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### *Veterans eligible for high school diploma*

(R.C. 3313.616)

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>

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. Finally, it qualifies for a diploma a World War II or Korean conflict veteran who left school in any state due to a family circumstance, but thereafter entered the armed forces. Presumably, the rules adopted by the Governor's Office of Veterans' Affairs will address which situations qualify as family circumstances.

### *Educational qualifications for county sheriffs*

(R.C. 311.01)

The current qualifications to be a candidate for county sheriff include several educational and experience requirements. Among these, the candidate must either:

(1) Have at least two years of supervisory experience as a peace officer at or above the rank of corporal, or have been appointed by the Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol and served at or above the rank of sergeant, in the five-year period immediately prior to the qualification date; or

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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.)*

(2) Have successfully completed at least two years of post-secondary education or its equivalent in a college or university authorized to confer degrees by the state in which the institution is located.

This bill adds that the person can qualify as a candidate if the person has completed at least two years of post-secondary education in a school that holds a certificate of registration issued by Ohio's State Board of Career Colleges and Schools. Therefore, under the bill, a person would qualify as a candidate upon successful completion of at least two years of post-secondary education at either a college or university authorized to confer degrees or at a career school that holds an Ohio certificate of registration. While attendance at a college or university in another state continues to qualify a candidate, if the person attended a career school, it must be one that holds a certificate issued by the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools of Ohio.

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## HISTORY

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