

VETERANS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lynn N. Hemingway

Senate Sponsor: Wayne L. Niederhauser

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides for honorary high school diplomas for certain veterans.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ allows a board of education of a school district to award an honorary high school diploma to a veteran who:

- left high school before graduating to serve in the armed forces of the United States; and
- served in the armed forces of the United States during the period of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War; and

▶ specifies eligibility requirements and procedures for requesting an honorary high school diploma.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-3-427, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section 53A-3-427 is enacted to read:

30 **53A-3-427. Honorary high school diploma for certain veterans.**

31 (1) A board of education of a school district may award an honorary high school  
32 diploma to a veteran, if the veteran:

33 (a) left high school before graduating in order to serve in the armed forces of the United  
34 States;

35 (b) served in the armed forces of the United States during the period of World War II,  
36 the Korean War, or the Vietnam War;

37 (c) (i) was honorably discharged; or

38 (ii) was released from active duty because of a service-related disability; and

39 (d) (i) resides within the school district; or

40 (ii) resided within the school district at the time of leaving high school to serve in the  
41 armed forces of the United States.

42 (2) To receive an honorary high school diploma, a veteran or immediate family member  
43 or guardian of a veteran shall submit to a local school board:

44 (a) a request for an honorary high school diploma; and

45 (b) information required by the local school board to verify the veteran's eligibility for  
46 an honorary high school diploma under Subsection (1).

47 (3) At the request of a veteran, a veteran's immediate family member or guardian, or a  
48 local school board, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall certify whether the veteran meets  
49 the requirements of Subsections (1)(b) and (c).