

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1886

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5 By: Representatives Judy, Green, Agee
6 By: Senator Whitaker

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT AUTHORIZING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO GRANT A
11 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TO VETERANS OF THE KOREAN WAR
12 OR THE VIETNAM WAR WHO MEET ELIGIBILITY
13 REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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19 MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 6-16-133. Veterans Diplomas.

27 (a) In recognition of and tribute to veterans who left high school
28 before graduation to serve in the Korean War or the Vietnam War, a board of
29 directors of any school district in Arkansas may grant a diploma of
30 graduation to any veteran meeting the requirements of subsection (c) of this
31 section.

32 (b) School districts are encouraged to present the diploma in
33 conjunction with appropriate Veteran's Day programs.

34 (c) To be eligible for a high school diploma under this section, a
35 veteran shall:

36 (1) Have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the



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1 United States of America;

2 (2) Be a resident of the State of Arkansas; and

3 (3) Between the dates of June 1, 1950 and January 1, 1954, if a
4 veteran of the Korean War or between the dates of July 3, 1965 to May 15,
5 1975, if a veteran of the Vietnam War:

6 (A) Have served a minimum of eighteen (18) consecutive
7 months' active duty; or

8 (B) Have been discharged with a service connected
9 disability.

10 (b)(1) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and regulations
11 to implement the provisions of this section.

12 (2) The State Board of Education shall consult with the
13 Department of Veterans Affairs in developing rules and regulations to
14 implement the provisions of this section.

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