

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2681

Ordered by the House May 9
Including House Amendments dated May 9

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires school district to issue high school diploma upon request to veteran who served in United States Armed Forces during specified war or was present in specified operations if veteran attended high school before serving in Armed Forces, did not complete high school because of service in Armed Forces, *[and]* was discharged or released under honorable conditions from Armed Forces **and has received General Educational Development certificate, post-secondary degree or minimum score on Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to high school diplomas for veterans; amending ORS 332.114; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 332.114 is amended to read:

5 332.114. (1) A person who meets the requirements under subsection (3) of this section may re-
6 quest a school district to issue the person a high school diploma if the person resides within the
7 boundaries of the school district or is a resident of this state and attended a high school of the
8 school district.

9 (2) A representative of a deceased person who meets the requirements under subsection (3) of
10 this section may request a school district to issue a high school diploma on behalf of the deceased
11 person if the deceased person resided within the boundaries of the school district at the time of
12 death or was a resident of this state at the time of death and attended a high school of the school
13 district.

14 (3) Notwithstanding the requirements for a high school diploma established by the State Board
15 of Education and school districts under ORS 329.447, a school district that receives a request under
16 subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall issue a high school diploma to a person if the person:

17 (a) Attended a high school before serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

18 (b) Did not graduate from a high school because the person was serving in the Armed Forces
19 of the United States *[at any time between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, between September*
20 *15, 1940, and December 31, 1946, or between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955]; [and]*

21 (c) Was discharged or released under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United
22 States[.];

23 **(d) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States as described in subsection (4) of this**
24 **section; and**

25 **(e)(A) Has received a General Educational Development (GED) certificate;**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(B) Has received a post-secondary degree from a community college, state institution of**
2 **higher education or other generally accredited institution of higher education; or**

3 **(C) Has received a minimum score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery**
4 **(ASVAB), as established by the Oregon Military Department.**

5 **(4) The provisions of subsection (3) of this section apply to a person who:**

6 **(a) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States at any time during:**

7 **(A) World War I;**

8 **(B) World War II;**

9 **(C) The Korean Conflict; or**

10 **(D) The Vietnam War;**

11 **(b) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States and was physically present in:**

12 **(A) Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada);**

13 **(B) Operation Just Cause (Panama);**

14 **(C) Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm (the Persian Gulf War);**

15 **(D) Operation Restore Hope (Somalia);**

16 **(E) Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan); or**

17 **(F) Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq); or**

18 **(c) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States in an area designated as a combat**
19 **zone by the President of the United States.**

20 **SECTION 2.** **This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect**
22 **on its passage.**

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