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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1        SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 124, Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 2015 (Act 124), authorized the department of  
3 education to award high school diplomas to qualified persons who  
4 did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory  
5 induction into active service in the Armed Services of the  
6 United States or any person whose high school education was  
7 interrupted due to wartime practices such as internment during  
8 World War II, until Act 124 repealed on June 30, 2020.

9        The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of  
10 education to award high school diplomas to qualified persons who  
11 did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory  
12 or voluntary induction into active service in the Armed Services  
13 of the United States or whose high school education was  
14 interrupted due to wartime practices during World War II, the  
15 Korean War, or the Vietnam War.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 **"§302A- High school diploma for Armed Services veterans**

5 **and other qualified persons.** (a) The department may establish  
6 a program to award a high school diploma to any qualified person  
7 who:

8 (1) Did not receive a high school diploma as a result of  
9 compulsory or voluntary induction into active service  
10 in the Armed Services of the United States during  
11 World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War; or

12 (2) Did not receive a high school diploma and whose high  
13 school education was interrupted due to wartime  
14 practices during World War II, the Korean War, or the  
15 Vietnam War.

16 (b) A qualified person seeking a high school diploma shall  
17 submit information establishing eligibility for the award of a  
18 high school diploma pursuant to subsection (a) to the department  
19 on forms prescribed by the department.

20 (c) As used in this section, a "qualified person" means  
21 any individual who:



1        (1)    Was a resident of the State or the Territory of Hawaii  
2        and was compulsorily or voluntarily inducted into the  
3        Armed Services of the United States or whose high  
4        school education was interrupted between:  
5                (A)    December 1, 1941, and September 2, 1945;  
6                (B)    June 1, 1950, and July 31, 1953; or  
7                (C)    August 1, 1964, and January 31, 1973;  
8        while enrolled in a high school in the State or the  
9        Territory of Hawaii; and  
10      (2)    Did not complete a high school curriculum and receive  
11      a high school diploma."

12      SECTION 3.    New statutory material is underscored.

13      SECTION 4.    This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

DOE; Veterans; High School Diploma

**Description:**

Authorizes the Department of Education to award a high school diploma to qualified persons who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory or voluntary induction into the Armed Services of the United States or whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War.

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