

House Bill 1068

By: Representatives Stephens of the 150th, Reece of the 11th, Cash of the 108th, Houston of the 166th, Jamieson of the 22nd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to local boards of education, so as to provide that each local board of education shall
3 issue high school diplomas to certain veterans who failed to receive diplomas due to an
4 interruption of their education by service in the Korean Conflict or the Vietnam Conflict; to
5 provide certain requirements relating to attendance in high school; to provide procedures; to
6 provide for the award of such diplomas; to provide that diplomas may be awarded
7 posthumously; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local
11 boards of education, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new Code Section 20-2-70
12 to read as follows:

13 "20-2-70.

14 Each local board of education shall issue high school diplomas to veterans who failed to
15 receive diplomas due to an interruption of their education by service in the Korean Conflict
16 or service in the Vietnam Conflict. The local board of education of the school district
17 where the veteran attended high school shall award the high school diploma to such
18 veteran. A veteran shall make application for a diploma to the appropriate local board of
19 education and furnish proof that such person is a veteran of the Korean Conflict or the
20 Vietnam Conflict who had his or her education interrupted as a result of service in the
21 Korean Conflict or the Vietnam Conflict. Honorably discharged veterans who served in
22 the Korean Conflict between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, and honorably
23 discharged veterans who served in the Vietnam Conflict between August 5, 1964, and May
24 7, 1975, and who did not graduate from high school are eligible for a diploma pursuant to
25 this Code section; provided, however, that attendance in high school ranging from 1946
26 through 1955 with graduation class years ranging from 1951 through 1955 is required for

1 veterans of the Korean Conflict and attendance in high school ranging from 1960 through
2 1975 with graduation class years ranging from 1964 through 1975 is required for veterans
3 of the Vietnam Conflict. Veterans who qualify under this Code section and who have
4 earned a general educational development (GED) diploma are also eligible for a high
5 school diploma. Diplomas may be awarded posthumously. The local board of education
6 is encouraged to present such diplomas to such veterans on or near Veterans Day to bring
7 to the attention of students the importance of such day and the great sacrifices made by
8 such veterans."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.