

House Bill 1098

By: Representatives Hembree of the 98th, Stallings of the 100th, Birdsong of the 123rd, Squires of the 78th, Bunn of the 74th 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 local boards of education shall
3 issue high school diplomas to veterans who failed to receive diplomas due to an interruption
4 of their education by service in the Korean Conflict; to provide for requirements and
5 application; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local
9 boards of education, is amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 20-2-60, relating to
10 requirements and procedures for issuing and awarding high school diplomas to honorably
11 discharged World War II veterans, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "20-2-69.

13 Each local board of education shall issue high school diplomas to veterans who failed to
14 receive diplomas due to an interruption of their education by service in World War II or the
15 Korean Conflict. The local board of education of the school district where the veteran
16 attended high school shall award the high school diploma to such veteran. A veteran shall
17 make application for a diploma to the appropriate local board of education and furnish
18 proof that such person is a World War II or Korean Conflict veteran who had his or her
19 education interrupted as a result of service in World War II or the Korean Conflict.
20 Honorably discharged veterans who served in World War II between September 16, 1940,
21 and December 31, 1946, or in the Korean Conflict between June 25, 1950, and January 31,
22 1955, and who did not graduate from high school are eligible for a diploma; provided,
23 however, that attendance in high school ranging from ~~1937-1946~~ 1937 through 1955 with
24 graduation class years ranging from ~~1941-1950~~ 1941 through 1959 is required. Veterans
25 who qualify under this Code section and who have earned a general educational
26 development (GED) diploma are also eligible for a high school diploma. Diplomas may be

1 awarded posthumously. The local board of education is encouraged to present such
2 diplomas to World War II and Korean Conflict veterans on or near ~~Veterans'~~ Veterans Day
3 to bring to the attention of students the importance of such day and the great sacrifices
4 made by World War II and Korean Conflict veterans."

5 **SECTION 2.**

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