



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 534

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Senate Bill No. 386

Senate, April 17, 2013

The Committee on Education reported through SEN. STILLMAN of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING HONORARY DIPLOMAS FOR VIETNAM VETERANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 10-221a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (i) A local or regional board of education may award a diploma to a
5 veteran, as defined in section 27-103, of World War II or the Korean
6 hostilities, as described in section 51-49h, or of the Vietnam Era, as
7 defined in section 27-103, who left high school prior to graduation in
8 order to serve in the armed forces of the United States and did not
9 receive a diploma as a consequence of such service.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-221a(i)
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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which expands the law to allow local and regional boards of education to award high school diplomas for Vietnam era veterans who left high school before graduating for military service, does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 386*****AN ACT CONCERNING HONORARY DIPLOMAS FOR VIETNAM VETERANS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows local and regional school boards to award high school diplomas to Vietnam era veterans who left high school before graduating for military service. The law already allows boards to do this for World War II and Korean War veterans. The bill covers honorably or generally discharged veterans who served actively from February 28, 1961 to July 1, 1975 in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Air Force or any of their reserve components, including the Connecticut National Guard.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/07/2013)

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/28/2013)