

By the Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; and Senators Fasano and Lynn

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to requirements for high school graduation; amending s. 1003.43, F.S.; amending certain prerequisites to allow the award of a standard high school diploma to honorably discharged veterans of the Korean War who did not complete the necessary graduation requirements; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 1003.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.43 General requirements for high school graduation.--

(13) The Commissioner of Education may award a standard high school diploma to honorably discharged veterans who started high school between 1946 and 1950 and were scheduled to graduate between 1949 ~~1950~~ and 1955 ~~1954~~, but were inducted into the United States Armed Forces between June 1949 ~~1950~~ and January 1955 ~~1954~~, and served during the Korean War prior to completing the necessary high school graduation requirements. Upon the recommendation of the commissioner, the State Board of Education may develop criteria and guidelines for awarding such diplomas.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 1096

The CS extends eligibility for a standard high school diploma to certain Korean War veterans who were inducted into the armed forces after June 1949, rather than June 1950.