

By Senator Constantine

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to high school diplomas; amending s.
3 1003.43, F.S.; authorizing the Commissioner of
4 Education to award a high school diploma to honorably
5 discharged Vietnam War veterans; providing an
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (14) is added to section 1003.43,
11 Florida Statutes, to read:

12 1003.43 General requirements for high school graduation.—

13 (14) The Commissioner of Education may award a standard
14 high school diploma to honorably discharged veterans who were
15 inducted into the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam
16 Era, as defined in s. 1.01(14), before completing the necessary
17 high school graduation requirements. Upon the recommendation of
18 the commissioner, the State Board of Education may develop
19 criteria and guidelines for awarding such diplomas.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.