

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1058
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Defense Affairs & State-Federal Relations
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas law allows for veterans of World War II to receive high schools diplomas, provided they were honorably discharged, scheduled to graduate in a certain period, and left school to serve in the war. The law does not include a provision that allows school districts to award diplomas to Korean War veterans who were unable to graduate because of the war.

H.B. 1058 amends the Texas Education Code to allow school districts to award diplomas to veterans who were honorably discharged, scheduled to graduate from high school after 1940 and before 1957, and left high school before graduation to serve in either World War II or the Korean War.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1 of the bill authorizes a school district to issue a high school diploma to a person who was scheduled to graduate from high school after 1940 and before 1957, is an honorably discharged member of the U.S. military and who left high school before graduation to serve in World War II or the Korean War.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Unless the necessary vote is received for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.