

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 966  
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Defense & Veterans' Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, a high school diploma may be awarded to a veteran who was honorably discharged, who was scheduled to graduate from high school after 1940 and before 1975, and who left high school before graduation to serve in the armed forces during World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War. S.B. 966 seeks to authorize school districts to issue high school diplomas to certain other veterans.

### **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.

### **ANALYSIS**

S.B. 966 amends the Education Code to authorize a school district to issue a high school diploma to an honorably discharged member of the United States armed forces who was scheduled to graduate from high school after 1940 and before 1975 and who left school after completing the sixth or a higher grade before graduating from high school to serve in certain specified wars or conflicts, rather than such a person who left high school before graduation to serve in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, and authorizes a school district to issue a high school diploma to an honorably discharged member of the United States armed forces who was scheduled to graduate from high school after 1989 and who left school after completing the sixth or a higher grade before graduating from high school to serve in certain specified wars or conflicts.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2011.