

1-1 By: Uresti S.B. No. 966  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 25, 2011; March 8, 2011,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and  
1-4 Military Installations; March 21, 2011, reported adversely, with  
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4,  
1-6 Nays 0; March 21, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 966 By: Rodriguez

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to high school diplomas for certain military veterans.  
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 28.0251, Education Code,  
1-13 is amended to read as follows:  
1-14 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a  
1-15 school district may issue a high school diploma to a person who:  
1-16 (1) is an honorably discharged member of the armed  
1-17 forces of the United States;  
1-18 (2) was scheduled to graduate from high school:  
1-19 (A) after 1940 and before 1975; or  
1-20 (B) after 1989; and  
1-21 (3) left ~~[high]~~ school after completing the sixth or a  
1-22 higher grade, before graduating from high school, [graduation] to  
1-23 serve in:  
1-24 (A) World War II, the Korean War, ~~[or]~~ the  
1-25 Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the Iraq War, or the war in  
1-26 Afghanistan; or  
1-27 (B) any other war formally declared by the United  
1-28 States, military engagement authorized by the United States  
1-29 Congress, military engagement authorized by a United Nations  
1-30 Security Council resolution and funded by the United States  
1-31 Congress, or conflict authorized by the president of the United  
1-32 States under the War Powers Resolution of 1973 (50 U.S.C. Section  
1-33 1541 et seq.).  
1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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