

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 22-27 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-27)

7 Sec. 22-27. World War II, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam  
8 Conflict veterans; service member killed in action; diplomas.

9 (a) Upon request, the school board of any district that  
10 maintains grades 10 through 12 may award a diploma to any  
11 honorably discharged veteran who:

12 (1) served in the armed forces of the United States  
13 during World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam  
14 Conflict;

15 (2) resided within an area currently within the  
16 district;

17 (3) left high school before graduating in order to  
18 serve in the armed forces of the United States; and

19 (4) has not received a high school diploma.

20 (a-5) Upon request, the school board of a school district  
21 that maintains grades 10 through 12 may posthumously award a  
22 diploma to any service member who was killed in action while  
23 performing active military duty with the armed forces of the

1 United States if all of the following criteria have been met:

2 (1) He or she resided in an area currently within the  
3 district.

4 (2) He or she left high school before graduating to  
5 serve in the armed forces of the United States.

6 (3) He or she did not receive a high school diploma.

7 (b) The State Board of Education and the Department of  
8 Veterans' Affairs may issue rules consistent with the  
9 provisions of this Section that are necessary to implement this  
10 Section.

11 (Source: P.A. 96-88, eff. 7-27-09.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
13 becoming law.