

1 AN ACT with regard to 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 adding Section
5 22-27 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-27 new)

7 Sec. 22-27. World War II veterans; diplomas.

8 (a) Upon request, the school board of any district that
9 maintains grades 10 through 12 may award a diploma, to be
10 given during the regular high school graduation ceremony, to
11 any honorably discharged veteran who:

12 (1) served in the armed forces of the United States
13 during World War II;

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

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

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

19 (b) The State Board of Education and the Department of
20 Veterans' Affairs may issue rules consistent with the
21 provisions of this Section that are necessary to implement
22 this Section.