

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 4

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5 By: Senator Whitaker  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT AUTHORIZING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO GRANT A  
10 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS WHO  
11 MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, is amended  
24 to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 6-16-133. World War II Veterans.

26 (a) In recognition of and tribute to veterans who left high school  
27 before graduation to serve in World War II, a board of directors of any  
28 school district in Arkansas may grant a diploma of graduation to any veteran  
29 meeting the requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

30 (b) School districts are encouraged to present the diploma in  
31 conjunction with appropriate Veteran's Day programs.

32 (c) To be eligible for a high school diploma under this section, a  
33 veteran shall:

34 (1) Have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the  
35 United States of America;

36 (2) Be a resident of the State of Arkansas; and

1                   (3) Between the dates of September 16, 1940 and December 31,  
2 1946:

3                   (A) Have served a minimum of eighteen (18) consecutive  
4 months' active duty; or

5                   (B) Have been discharged with a service-connected  
6 disability.

7                   (d)(1) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and regulations  
8 to implement the provisions of this section.

9                   (2) The State Board of Education shall consult with the  
10 Department of Veterans' Affairs in developing rules and regulations to  
11 implement the provisions of this section.

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