

ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 900

By: Crutchfield of the
Senate

and

McCarter of the House

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 24-153, which relates to granting of high school diplomas to certain veterans; deleting certain time of service requirement; and providing an effective date.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill and insert

"An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 24-153, which relates to granting of high school diplomas to certain veterans; making veterans of the Korean War eligible for high school diplomas; deleting certain time of service requirement; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 24-153, is amended to read as follows:

Section 24-153. A. In order to recognize and pay tribute to veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in World War II or to serve in the Korean War, a board of education of any independent school district in this state is hereby authorized to grant a diploma of graduation to any veteran who meets the requirements as listed in subsection B of this section. School

districts are further encouraged to present such diplomas in conjunction with appropriate Veterans Day programs.

B. To be eligible for a high school diploma pursuant to this section, a veteran shall:

1. Have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America;

2. Have served ~~a minimum of eighteen (18) consecutive months~~ on active duty or have been discharged with a service-connected disability between the dates of September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946, or between the dates of June 27, 1950, and January 31, 1955; and

3. Be a resident of the State of Oklahoma.

C. The State Board of Education shall consult with the Department of Veterans Affairs in adopting rules to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002."

Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of April, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2002.

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