

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 900

By: Crutchfield

AS INTRODUCED

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.

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, 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; 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.

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