

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2229 Session of
2001

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YUDICHAK, DECEMBER 11, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, DECEMBER 11, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," authorizing boards of school
6 directors to establish a program to provide high school
7 diplomas to certain veterans.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 1611 of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
12 amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 1611. Academic Degrees.--* * *

1 (c) A board of school directors may establish a program to
2 be known as "Operation Recognition" which provides for granting
3 a high school diploma to any honorably discharged veteran who
4 served in the United States military in the Korean War between
5 the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifty,
6 and the thirty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred
7 fifty-five, who attended high school between one thousand nine
8 hundred forty-seven and one thousand nine hundred fifty-five and
9 who would have been a member of a graduation class during the
10 years one thousand nine hundred fifty-one through one thousand
11 nine hundred fifty-nine but did not graduate from high school
12 due to entry into military service. A board of school directors
13 may award a diploma posthumously to an eligible veteran. An
14 application for a diploma under this subsection must be made in
15 the manner prescribed by the board of school directors.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.