

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 929 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY GRUCELA, MELIO, BELFANTI, BRENNAN, BARBIN, BURNS, CASORIO, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, DALLY, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GROVE, HARHAI, HESS, HORNAMAN, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, LONGIETTI, MANN, MARSICO, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MOUL, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PRESTON, QUIGLEY, REICHLEY, SANTONI, SIPTROTH, TRUE, VULAKOVICH AND YUDICHAK, MARCH 13, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 13, 2009

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.--* * *

14 (d) A board of school directors may establish a program to
15 be known as "Operation Recognition" which provides for granting
16 a high school diploma to any honorably discharged veteran who
17 served in the United States military in the Vietnam War between
18 the fifteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred sixty-

1 one, and the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand nine
2 hundred seventy-three, who attended high school between one
3 thousand nine hundred fifty-eight and one thousand nine hundred
4 seventy-three and who would have been a member of a graduation
5 class during the years one thousand nine hundred sixty-two
6 through one thousand nine hundred seventy-five but did not
7 graduate from high school due to entry into military service. A
8 board of school directors may award a diploma posthumously to an
9 eligible veteran. An application for a diploma under this
10 subsection must be made in the manner prescribed by the board of
11 school directors.

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