

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL****No. 929** Session of  
2009

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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, YUDICHAK, HARKINS, SOLOBAY, PHILLIPS, STERN, D. COSTA, GIBBONS, K. SMITH, GEIST, W. KELLER, McILVAINE SMITH, YOUNGBLOOD, WHITE, HUTCHINSON, FREEMAN, MAHONEY, ROCK, HENNESSEY, WATERS, MURT AND FARRY, MARCH 13, 2009

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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 15, 2010

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## 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

1 served in the United States military in the Vietnam War between  
2 the ~~fifteenth day of November~~ TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, one ←  
3 thousand nine hundred sixty-one, and the ~~twenty eighth day of~~ ←  
4 March, one thousand nine hundred seventy three SEVENTH DAY OF ←  
5 MAY, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE, who attended high  
6 school between one thousand nine hundred fifty-eight and one  
7 thousand nine hundred ~~seventy three~~ SEVENTY-FIVE and who would ←  
8 have been a member of a graduation class during the years one  
9 thousand nine hundred sixty-two through one thousand nine  
10 hundred seventy-five but did not graduate from high school due  
11 to entry into military service. A board of school directors may  
12 award a diploma posthumously to an eligible veteran. An  
13 application for a diploma under this subsection must be made in  
14 the manner prescribed by the board of school directors.

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