

## 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, 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

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
MARCH 22, 2010

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

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