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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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Reported from the Committee on Education, February 6, 2001, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Committee Substitute adopted February 15, 2001.

Taken up February 15, 2001. Read 3rd time and placed upon its final passage; bill passed.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to high school diplomas for World War I and World War II veterans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 160.341, to read as follows:

160.341. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state board of education or a school board may award a diploma to any honorably discharged World War I or World War II veteran so long as the veteran satisfies the following criteria:

(1) Actively served in the armed forces between April 6, 1917, and December 31, 1921, or between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, or both;

(2) Attended a high school maintained by said school board or attended high school in a district which was subsequently attached to the school district of said school board;

(3) Did not receive a high school diploma; and

(4) Was discharged from the armed services under honorable conditions.

2. Veterans may apply for a diploma by submitting a form provided by the department of elementary and secondary education along with proof of service in World

War I or World War II, or both, and status as an honorably discharged veteran to either the state board of education or a school board. If such veteran meets all the requirements of this section and applies for a diploma, the veteran may receive a diploma. If such veteran applies for a diploma and subsequently dies, the veteran may receive a diploma posthumously.

3. Veterans satisfying the requirements of this section may be awarded a diploma posthumously upon application by a family member or next of kin.

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