



GOV. MSG. NO. **859**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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GOVERNOR

May 25, 2007

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on May 25, 2007, the following bill was signed into law:

SB618 HD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.  
(ACT 101)

Sincerely,

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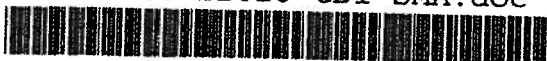
**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Over the years, many young Americans have had  
2 their education interrupted or curtailed due to compulsory  
3 induction into the military during times of conflict or war.  
4 Others have had their schooling interrupted due to wartime  
5 practices, such as the internment of Japanese and Japanese-  
6 Americans during World War II.

7           The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of  
8 education to establish a program to grant veterans high school  
9 diplomas to veterans of the armed services who could not  
10 complete their high school education due to compulsory service  
11 in the armed services of the United States during World War II,  
12 the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam War, as well as those who  
13 did not complete high school because of wartime practices.

14           SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
16 designated and to read as follows:

17           "§302A- Veterans high school diploma for armed services  
18 veterans and others. (a) The department shall establish a



1 program to award a veterans high school diploma to qualified  
2 veterans who did not receive a high school diploma as a result  
3 of compulsory induction into active service in the armed  
4 services of the United States.

5 (b) For purposes of this section, a "qualified veteran" is  
6 a person who:

7 (1) Was a resident of the State;

8 (2) Was compulsorily inducted into the armed services of  
9 the United States between:

10 (A) December 1, 1941, and August 30, 1945;

11 (B) June 1, 1950, and July 31, 1953; or

12 (C) August 1, 1964, and January 31, 1973;

13 while attending or enrolled in a high school in the  
14 State; provided that the department may consider  
15 extending these time periods through rules adopted  
16 under chapter 91; and

17 (3) Did not complete a high school curriculum and receive  
18 a high school diploma.

19 (c) The department shall also award a veterans high school  
20 diploma to any person whose high school education was  
21 interrupted due to wartime practices such as internment during  
22 World War II.



1        (d) Qualified persons shall submit to the department, on  
2 forms that the department shall prescribe, information  
3 establishing eligibility for the award of a veterans high school  
4 diploma under this section."

5        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Approved this day: MAY 25 2007

