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### **SB 137 – High School Diploma for Veterans**

I am Senator Bryan Simonaire presenting SB 137.

Current law allows veterans who were in high school, left school to go to war and then come back can get a high school diploma if they entered the military during:

- World War II
- Korean Conflict or
- Vietnam Conflict.

I worked with the Department of Veterans and Military Families to expand that list to allow those in the Iraq/Afghanistan conflict to be eligible to get a High School diploma as well.

After discussions, we decided to instead of just adding one more conflict, to make it more generic so we do not have to come back every time there is a new conflict.

So, this bill allows a high school diploma to be given to a veteran, if there was an armed conflict that the President or Congress authorized the use of military force.

To obtain a high school diploma, the individual shall apply to the county board in the county where the individual resides or where the school from which the individual withdrew was located.

Each county board shall adopt rules and regulations to establish procedures for awarding diplomas under this section.