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House Bill 329 (Delegate Conrov. *et al.*)

Ways and Means

Education - High School Diplomas - World War II Veterans

This bill allows an individual honorably discharged from military service to apply to a local board of education to obtain a high school diploma if the individual withdrew from a regular full-time public or private school during the individual's senior year in high school to enlist in the armed forces during World War II. The individual can apply to the local board of education in the county where the individual resides or where the school from which the individual withdrew was located.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Local school systems can provide diplomas to World War II veterans within existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Granting diplomas to veterans of the armed services who have not completed either a high school program or an alternative program such as the General Educational Development (GED) tests is not addressed.

Background: The Maryland State Department of Education advises that there have been instances of local school systems providing honorary diplomas to veterans. This bill would

enable local school systems to provide a regular diploma to World War II veterans who went into the service as high school seniors.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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