

# HOUSE BILL 587

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – High School Diploma – Veterans of Armed Conflicts**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain individuals honorably discharged from military  
4 service to obtain a high school diploma if the individual withdrew from a certain  
5 public or private school to enlist in the armed forces during a certain armed conflict;  
6 and generally relating to high school diplomas for veterans.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Education

9 Section 7–206.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Education**

15 7–206.1.

16 (a) An individual honorably discharged from military service may apply to obtain  
17 a high school diploma if the individual withdrew from a regular full–time public or private  
18 high school accredited by the State Board to enlist in the armed forces of the United States  
19 during[:

20 (1) World War II;

21 (2) The Korean Conflict; or

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (3)     The Vietnam Conflict] **AN ARMED CONFLICT AUTHORIZED BY THE**  
2 **PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR CONGRESS.**

3                   (b)     To obtain a high school diploma under subsection (a) of this section, the  
4 individual shall apply to the county board in the county where the individual resides or  
5 where the school from which the individual withdrew was located.

6                   (c)     Each county board shall adopt rules and regulations to establish procedures  
7 for awarding diplomas under this section.

8                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2025.