

## **Section 517.0.2. Diplomas for World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans.**

A. In order to recognize and pay tribute to veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in World War II, in the Korean War, or in the Vietnam War, a board of education of any independent school district in this state is hereby authorized to grant a diploma of graduation to any veteran who meets the requirements as listed in subsection B of this section. School districts are further encouraged to present such diplomas in conjunction with appropriate Veterans Day programs.

B. To be eligible for a high school diploma pursuant to this section, a veteran shall:

1. Have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America;
2. Have served on active duty or have been discharged with a service-connected disability between the dates of September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946, or between the dates of June 27, 1950, and January 31, 1955, or between the dates of May 13, 1961, and April 29, 1975; and

3. Be a resident of the State of Oklahoma.

C. The State Board of Education shall consult with the Department of Veterans Affairs in adopting rules to implement the provisions of this act. **(70-24153)**