CHAPTER 2004-223

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1096

An act relating to requirements for high school graduation; amending s. 1003.43, F.S.; amending certain prerequisites to allow the award of a standard high school diploma to honorably discharged veterans of the Korean War who did not complete the necessary graduation requirements; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 1003.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.43 General requirements for high school graduation.—

(13) The Commissioner of Education may award a standard high school diploma to honorably discharged veterans who started high school between 1946 and 1950 and were scheduled to graduate between <u>1949</u> 1950 and <u>1955</u> 1954, but were inducted into the United States Armed Forces between June <u>1949</u> 1950 and January <u>1955</u> 1954, and served during the Korean War prior to completing the necessary high school graduation requirements. Upon the recommendation of the commissioner, the State Board of Education may develop criteria and guidelines for awarding such diplomas.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

Approved by the Governor May 25, 2004.

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