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MR. SPEAKER:

I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 207 be amended to read as follows:

- 1 Page 11, between lines 30 and 31, begin a new paragraph and
2 insert:
3 "SECTION 10. IC 20-10.1-30 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
4 CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]:
6 **Chapter 30. High School Diploma Program for Eligible**
7 **Veterans**
8 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "department of veterans'**
9 **affairs" refers to the Indiana department of veterans' affairs**
10 **established by IC 10-5-1-3.**
11 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "diploma" refers to a high**
12 **school diploma.**
13 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "eligible veteran" refers to an**
14 **individual who has the following qualifications:**
15 **(1) Served as a member of the armed forces of the United**
16 **States at any time during at least one (1) of the following**
17 **periods:**
18 **(A) Beginning April 6, 1917, and ending November 11,**
19 **1918 (World War I).**
20 **(B) Beginning December 7, 1941, and ending December**
21 **31, 1946 (World War II).**
22 **(C) Beginning June 25, 1950, and ending January 31,**
23 **1955 (Korean Conflict).**
24 **(D) Beginning February 28, 1961, and ending May 7,**
25 **1975 (Viet Nam Conflict).**
26 **(2) Before the military service described in subdivision (1):**
27 **(A) attended public or nonpublic high school in Indiana;**

1 **and**
2 **(B) was a student in good standing at the high school**
3 **described in clause (A), to the satisfaction of the**
4 **department of veterans' affairs.**
5 **(3) Did not graduate or receive a diploma because of leaving**
6 **the high school described in subdivision (2) for the military**
7 **service described in subdivision (1).**
8 **(4) Was honorably discharged from the armed forces of the**
9 **United States.**
10 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "program" applies to the high**
11 **school diploma program for eligible veterans established by section**
12 **6 of this chapter.**
13 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "school corporation" includes**
14 **a successor school corporation serving the area where a high**
15 **school that no longer exists was once located.**
16 **Sec. 6. The high school diploma program for eligible veterans**
17 **is established to provide for the issuance of high school diplomas**
18 **to certain veterans.**
19 **Sec. 7. The department and the department of veterans' affairs**
20 **shall jointly design a form for the application for issuance of a**
21 **diploma under the program. The application form shall require at**
22 **least the following information about an eligible veteran:**
23 **(1) Personal identification information.**
24 **(2) Military service information, including a copy of the**
25 **eligible veteran's honorable discharge.**
26 **(3) High school information, including the following:**
27 **(A) Name and address, including county, of the last high**
28 **school attended.**
29 **(B) Whether the high school was a public or nonpublic**
30 **school.**
31 **(C) Years attended.**
32 **(D) Year of leaving high school to begin military service.**
33 **(E) Year in which the veteran would have graduated if**
34 **the veteran had not left high school to begin military**
35 **service.**
36 **(4) If the high school attended was a public school, whether**
37 **the veteran prefers receiving a diploma issued by:**
38 **(A) the board; or**
39 **(B) the governing body of the school corporation**
40 **governing the high school.**
41 **Sec. 8. The department of veterans' affairs shall do the**
42 **following for individuals that the department of veterans' affairs**
43 **has reason to believe may be eligible to apply for a diploma under**
44 **the program:**
45 **(1) Give notice of the program.**
46 **(2) Describe the application procedure.**
47 **(3) Furnish an application form.**
48 **Sec. 9. The following individuals may apply for the issuance of**
49 **a diploma to an eligible veteran under the program:**
50 **(1) An eligible veteran, including an eligible veteran who has**
51 **received a general education development diploma or a**
52 **similar diploma.**

- 1 **(2) An individual who is:**
 2 **(A) the surviving spouse of; or**
 3 **(B) otherwise related to;**
 4 **an eligible veteran who is deceased.**

5 **Sec. 10. An applicant for a diploma under the program must**
 6 **submit a completed application form to the department of**
 7 **veterans' affairs.**

8 **Sec. 11. Upon receipt of an application, the department of**
 9 **veterans' affairs shall do the following:**

10 **(1) Verify the accuracy of the information in the application,**
 11 **in consultation with the department, if necessary.**

12 **(2) Forward the verified application to the department.**

13 **Sec. 12. Upon receipt of a verified application, the department**
 14 **shall do the following:**

15 **(1) If the applicant:**

16 **(A) expresses a preference in the application to receive**
 17 **a diploma issued by the board; or**

18 **(B) attended a nonpublic high school before leaving high**
 19 **school for military service;**

20 **the department shall present a diploma issued by the board.**

21 **(2) If the applicant expresses a preference for receiving a**
 22 **diploma from the governing body of the school corporation**
 23 **containing the public high school that the eligible veteran left**
 24 **for military service, the department shall direct the**
 25 **governing body of the affected school corporation to issue**
 26 **and present the diploma.**

27 **Sec. 13. (a) The department and governing bodies are**
 28 **encouraged but are not required to hold a ceremony to present a**
 29 **diploma that is issued under the program.**

30 **(b) Upon request of a governing body, the department, in**
 31 **cooperation with the department of veterans' affairs, shall assist**
 32 **the governing body to develop a variety of formats for appropriate**
 33 **ceremonies at which to award diplomas under the program.**

34 **Sec. 14. (a) The board shall design a unique commemorative**
 35 **diploma for the board to issue to eligible veterans who:**

36 **(1) attended a public high school and express in the**
 37 **application a preference for receiving a diploma that the**
 38 **board issues; or**

39 **(2) attended a nonpublic high school.**

40 **(b) The board shall design a unique commemorative diploma**
 41 **that a governing body may choose to issue under the program.**

42 **Sec. 15. (a) A governing body may design a unique**
 43 **commemorative diploma for the governing body to issue under the**
 44 **program.**

45 **(b) A governing body that issues a diploma under the program**
 46 **shall issue one (1) of the following types of diplomas:**

47 **(1) The diploma described in subsection (a).**

48 **(2) The diploma designed by the board under section 14(b) of**
 49 **this chapter.**

50 **(3) The same diploma that the governing body issues to**

- 1 **current graduates.**
- 2 **Sec. 16. The department and the department of veterans'**
- 3 **affairs shall work cooperatively to jointly administer this chapter.**
- 4 **Sec. 17. A fee may not be charged to process an application or**
- 5 **to award a diploma under this chapter.**
- 6 **Sec. 18. The department and the department of veterans'**
- 7 **affairs may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this**
- 8 **chapter."**
- 9 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to ESB 207 as printed February 22, 2002.)

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