

**EDUCATION AND LABOR CABINET**

**Board of Education**

**Department of Education**

**(Amendment)**

**704 KAR 7:140. Authentic high school diploma to an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean conflict, or Vietnam War.**

RELATES TO: KRS 158.140(5)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 158.140(5)(b)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 158.140(5)(b) requires the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate an administrative regulation establishing the guidelines for use by local boards of education when awarding an authentic high school diploma to an honorably discharged veteran who did not complete high school prior to being inducted into the United States Armed Forces during World War II, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam War. This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for awarding an authentic high school diploma to honorably discharged veterans of World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam War by local boards of education.

Section 1. Definitions.

- (1) "Korean conflict" is defined by KRS 40.010(18);
- (2) "Vietnam War" is defined by KRS 158.140(5)(a)3; and
- (3) "World War II" is defined by KRS 40.010(17).

Section 2.

(1) An honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean conflict, the Vietnam War, or a member of the veteran's family, shall submit a discharge certificate showing the period of service type of discharge, and the name of the high school and district of enrollment at the time of induction into the United States Armed Forces to the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs, 1111 Louisville Road, Suite B, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

(2) The Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs shall forward the verified documentation to the local board of education in which the veteran was enrolled prior to being inducted into the United States Armed Forces.

(3) Upon receipt of documentation, from the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs, the local board of education shall verify the veteran was enrolled in, but did not complete, high school prior to induction and meets the requirements of KRS 158.140 prior to issuing the authentic high school diploma. If the high school or district has since been consolidated or reconfigured since the veteran's enrollment, the current local board of education with jurisdiction shall provide the verification and issue the authentic high school diploma.

*This is to certify that the chief state school officer has reviewed and recommended this administrative regulation prior to its adoption by the Kentucky Board of Education, as required by KRS 156.070(5).*

*ROBIN FIELDS KINNEY, Interim Commissioner of Education*

*SHARON PORTER ROBINSON, Chairperson*

APPROVED BY AGENCY: April 15, 2024

FILED WITH LRC: April 15, 2024 at 11:15 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this proposed administrative regulation shall be held June 26, 2024 at 10am, in the State Board Room, Fifth Floor, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Individuals interested in being

heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through June 30, 2024. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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