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### SUMMARY

- Establishes new pathways for a high school student to earn the Military Enlistment diploma seal.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Military Enlistment diploma seal

The bill establishes new pathways for a high school student to earn the Military Enlistment diploma seal. The student may use that diploma seal to help qualify for a high school diploma (see “**Background**” below).

Under the bill, a student may earn a Military Enlistment diploma seal by providing evidence that the student has either accepted a scholarship to enter the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) or been appointed to a United States military service academy. Otherwise, continuing law requires a student to provide evidence the student has enlisted in the U.S. Armed Services or participates in a Junior Reserve Officer Corps (JROTC) program.<sup>1</sup>

#### Background

In addition to meeting the state’s minimum curriculum requirements, continuing law generally requires high school students to demonstrate competency in math and English language arts and earn at least two diploma seals to qualify for a high school diploma.

Continuing law prescribes a system of 12 diploma seals, divided among two categories: state-defined diploma seals and locally defined diploma seals. Both types of diploma seals have requirements prescribed in statute, but a state actor, usually the Department of Education and Workforce, is often involved in implementing the requirements for state-defined seals. For

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3313.6114(C)(3).

locally defined seals, the requirements are implemented by the student’s school. There are nine state-defined seals and three locally defined seals; a district or school must adopt guidelines for at least one locally defined seal. At least one of the diploma seals a student earns must be state-defined.

The Military Enlistment diploma seal is a state-defined seal.<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>2</sup> For more information, the Department of Education’s guidance about graduation requirements is available [here](#).