

Union Calendar No. 138

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2385

[Report No. 116–179]

To permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for the Veterans Legacy Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2019

Mr. LAMB introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JULY 24, 2019

Additional sponsor: Mr. FITZPATRICK

JULY 24, 2019

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 29, 2019]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. GRANTS FOR CEMETERY RESEARCH AND THE**
 4 **PRODUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.**

5 *(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—*

6 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-*
 7 *fairs may establish a grant program to conduct ceme-*
 8 *tery research and produce educational materials for*
 9 *the Veterans Legacy Program.*

10 *(2) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—The Secretary may*
 11 *award a grant under this section to any of the fol-*
 12 *lowing entities:*

13 *(A) An institution of higher learning.*

14 *(B) A local education agency.*

15 *(C) A non-profit entity that the Secretary*
 16 *determines has a demonstrated history of com-*
 17 *munity engagement.*

18 *(D) Another recipient the Secretary deter-*
 19 *mines to be appropriate.*

20 *(3) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a grant*
 21 *under this section may use the grant amount to—*

22 *(A) conduct research related to national,*
 23 *State, or Tribal veterans' cemeteries;*

1 (B) produce education materials that teach
 2 about the history of veterans interred in na-
 3 tional, State, or Tribal veterans' cemeteries; and

4 (C) promote community engagement with
 5 the histories of veterans interred in national,
 6 State, or Tribal veterans' cemeteries.

7 (4) *MAXIMUM AMOUNT.*—A grant awarded under
 8 this section may not exceed \$500,000.

9 (b) *REGULATIONS.*—If the Secretary establishes a
 10 grant program under this section, the Secretary shall pre-
 11 scribe regulations regarding—

12 (1) the evaluation of applications for grants
 13 under the program; and

14 (2) administration of the program.

15 (c) *REPORT REQUIRED.*—Not later than two years
 16 after the Secretary establishes a grant program under this
 17 section, the Secretary shall submit to the committees on Vet-
 18 erans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Sen-
 19 ate a report regarding the determination of the Secretary
 20 whether the grant program is a financially effective means
 21 to promote the purposes in subsection (a)(3).

22 (d) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

23 (1) The term “Veterans Legacy Program” means
 24 the program of the National Cemetery Administration
 25 that is responsible for providing engagement and edu-

1 *cational tools and opportunities to the public regard-*
2 *ing the service and sacrifice of veterans interred in*
3 *national, State, or Tribal veterans' cemeteries.*

4 (2) *The term “institution of higher learning” has*
5 *the meaning given that term in section 3452(f) of title*
6 *38, United States Code.*

7 (3) *The term “local educational agency” has the*
8 *meaning given that term in section 8101 of the Ele-*
9 *mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20*
10 *U.S.C. 7801).*

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