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108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3478

[Report No. 108-403]

To amend title 44, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of operations by the National Archives and Records Administration.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 7, 2003

Mr. PUTNAM (for himself and Mr. CLAY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

DECEMBER 8, 2003

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Archives and
5 Records Administration Efficiency Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF RECORDS RETENTION PERIODS.**

2 (a) EXTENSION OF RECORDS RETENTION PERIODS
3 BY REGULATION.—Section 2909 of title 44, United States
4 Code, is amended—

5 (1) by striking “, upon the submission of evi-
6 dence of need,”;

7 (2) by striking “; and, in accordance with regu-
8 lations promulgated by him,” and inserting “, and”;
9 and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following: “The
11 Archivist shall promulgate regulations in accordance
12 with section 2104(a) of this title to implement this
13 section.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (d) of
15 section 3303a of title 44, United States Code, is amended
16 by striking the second sentence.

17 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY FOR RECORDS CENTER REVOLVING**
18 **FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE AND**
19 **CARE OF UNIFORMS FOR RECORDS CENTERS**
20 **EMPLOYEES.**

21 Subsection (a) under the heading “RECORDS CENTER
22 REVOLVING FUND” in title IV of the Independent Agencies
23 Appropriations Act, 2000 (Public Law 106–58; 113 Stat.
24 460; 44 U.S.C. 2901 note), is amended by inserting after
25 “expenses” in the first sentence the following: “(including

1 expenses for uniforms or allowances for uniforms as au-
2 thorized by subchapter I of chapter 59 of title 5)”.
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4 **SEC. 4. AUTHORITY TO CHARGE FEES FOR PUBLIC USE OF**
5 **FACILITIES OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND**
6 **RECORDS ADMINISTRATION.**

7 (a) PRESIDENTIAL ARCHIVAL DEPOSITORIES.—Sub-
8 section (e) of section 2112 of title 44, United States Code,
9 is amended by striking “space” and inserting “space, or
10 (and services related to such use),”.

11 (b) NATIONAL ARCHIVES BUILDING AND OTHER
12 BUILDINGS USED FOR RECORD STORAGE.—Section 2903
13 of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “The Archivist”;
15 and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “(b) When the Archivist considers it to be in the pub-
19 lic interest, the Archivist may charge and collect reason-
20 able fees from the public for the occasional, non-official
21 use of rooms and spaces, and services related to such use,
22 in the buildings subject to this section. Fees collected
23 under this subsection shall be paid into an account in the
24 National Archives Trust Fund and shall be held, adminis-
25 tered, and expended for the benefit and in the interest of

1 the national archival and records activities administered
2 by the National Archives and Records Administration, in-
3 cluding educational and public program purposes.”.

4 **SEC. 5. AUTHORITY TO USE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**
5 **WITH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,**
6 **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND OTHER**
7 **PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO**
8 **FURTHER NARA PROGRAMS.**

9 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Chapter 21 of title 44, United
10 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing new section:

12 **“§ 2119. Cooperative agreements**

13 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Archivist may enter into co-
14 operative agreements pursuant to section 6305 of title 31
15 that involve the transfer of funds from the National Ar-
16 chives and Records Administration to State and local gov-
17 ernments, other public entities, educational institutions, or
18 private nonprofit organizations (including foundations or
19 institutes organized to support the National Archives and
20 Records Administration or the Presidential archival de-
21 positories operated by it) for the public purpose of car-
22 rying out programs of the National Archives and Records
23 Administration.

24 “(b) **LIMITATIONS.**—Not more than \$25,000 may be
25 transferred under a cooperative agreement entered into as

1 authorized by subsection (a). Not more than a total of
2 \$75,000 may be transferred under such agreements in any
3 fiscal year.

4 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than December 31st of each
5 year, the Archivist shall submit to the Committee on Gov-
6 ernment Reform of the House of Representatives and the
7 Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report
8 on the provisions, amount, and duration of each coopera-
9 tive agreement entered into as authorized by subsection
10 (a) during the preceding fiscal year.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
12 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
13 at the end the following new item:

“2119. Cooperative agreements.”.

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