

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2385

AN ACT

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.

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

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

3 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
5 Affairs may establish a grant program to conduct
6 cemetery research and produce educational materials
7 for the Veterans Legacy Program.

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

11 (A) An institution of higher learning.

12 (B) A local education agency.

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

16 (D) Another recipient the Secretary deter-
17 mines to be appropriate.

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

20 (A) conduct research related to national,
21 State, or Tribal veterans' cemeteries;

22 (B) produce education materials that teach
23 about the history of veterans interred in na-
24 tional, State, or Tribal veterans' cemeteries;
25 and

1 (C) promote community engagement with
2 the histories of veterans interred in national,
3 State, or Tribal veterans' cemeteries.

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

6 (b) REGULATIONS.—If the Secretary establishes a
7 grant program under this section, the Secretary shall pre-
8 scribe regulations regarding—

9 (1) the evaluation of applications for grants
10 under the program; and

11 (2) administration of the program.

12 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 2 years
13 after the Secretary establishes a grant program under this
14 section, the Secretary shall submit to the committees on
15 Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
16 Senate a report regarding the determination of the Sec-
17 retary whether the grant program is a financially effective
18 means to promote the purposes in subsection (a)(3).

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) The term “Veterans Legacy Program”
21 means the program of the National Cemetery Ad-
22 ministration that is responsible for providing engage-
23 ment and educational tools and opportunities to the
24 public regarding the service and sacrifice of veterans

1 interred in national, State, or Tribal veterans' ceme-
2 teries.

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

6 (3) The term "local educational agency" has
7 the meaning given that term in section 8101 of the
8 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
9 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

 Passed the House of Representatives October 15,
2019.

Attest:

Clerk.

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