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H. R. 2385

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

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

5 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
7 Affairs may establish a grant program to conduct

1 cemetery research and produce educational materials
2 for the Veterans Legacy Program.

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

6 (A) An institution of higher learning.

7 (B) A local education agency.

8 (C) A non-profit entity that the Secretary
9 determines has a demonstrated history of com-
10 munity engagement.

11 (D) Another recipient the Secretary deter-
12 mines to be appropriate.

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

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

17 (B) produce education materials that teach
18 about the history of veterans interred in na-
19 tional, State, or Tribal veterans' cemeteries;
20 and

21 (C) promote community engagement with
22 the histories of veterans interred in national,
23 State, or Tribal veterans' cemeteries.

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

1 (b) REGULATIONS.—If the Secretary establishes a
2 grant program under this section, the Secretary shall pre-
3 scribe regulations regarding—

4 (1) the evaluation of applications for grants
5 under the program; and

6 (2) administration of the program.

7 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) The term “Veterans Legacy Program”
9 means the program of the National Cemetery Ad-
10 ministration that is responsible for providing engage-
11 ment and educational tools and opportunities to the
12 public regarding the service and sacrifice of veterans
13 interred in national, State, or Tribal veterans’ ceme-
14 teries.

15 (2) The term “institution of higher learning”
16 has the meaning given that term in section 3452(f)
17 of title 38, United States Code.

18 (3) The term “local educational agency” has
19 the meaning given that term in section 8101 of the
20 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
21 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

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