

## Union Calendar No. 138

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# 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.

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### 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        *ational 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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