## Union Calendar No.

116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## [Report No. 116–]

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

May --, 2019

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

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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

## A BILL

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. 3

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;

4

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-

5

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).