

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 6420  
OFFERED BY MR. ROE OF TENNESSEE**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. PILOT PROGRAM FOR CEMETERY RESEARCH**  
2 **AND THE PRODUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL**  
3 **MATERIALS.**

4 (a) PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans  
6 Affairs may establish a pilot program to award  
7 grants for cemetery research and production of edu-  
8 cational materials for the Veterans Legacy Program.

9 (2) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—The Secretary may  
10 award a grant under the pilot program to any of the  
11 following entities:

12 (A) An institution of higher learning.

13 (B) A local education agency.

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

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

1           (3) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a grant  
2           under the pilot program may use the grant amount  
3           to—

4                   (A) conduct research related to national,  
5                   State, or Tribal veterans’ cemeteries;

6                   (B) produce education materials that teach  
7                   about the history of veterans interred in na-  
8                   tional, State, or Tribal veterans’ cemeteries; or

9                   (C) promote community engagement with  
10                  the histories of veterans interred in national,  
11                  State, or Tribal veterans’ cemeteries.

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

14           (5) TERMINATION.—If the Secretary establishes  
15           a pilot program under this section, the pilot program  
16           shall terminate on September 30, 2022.

17           (b) REGULATIONS.—If the Secretary establishes a  
18           pilot program under this section, the Secretary shall pre-  
19           scribe regulations regarding—

20                   (1) the evaluation of applications for grants  
21                   under the pilot program; and

22                   (2) administration of the pilot program.

23           (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24                   (1) The term “Veterans Legacy Program”  
25                   means the program of the National Cemetery Ad-

1       ministration that is responsible for providing engage-  
2       ment and educational tools and opportunities to the  
3       public regarding the service and sacrifice of veterans  
4       interred in national, State, or Tribal veterans' ceme-  
5       teries.

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

9               (3) The term “local educational agency” has  
10       the meaning given that term in section 8101 of the  
11       Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965  
12       (20 U.S.C. 7801).

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to permit the  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program  
to award grants for cemetery research and production of  
educational materials for the Veterans Legacy Program”.

