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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMB introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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]
A BILL

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

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

(a) Grants Authorized.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
fairs may establish a grant program to conduct ceme-
tery research and produce educational materials for
the Veterans Legacy Program.

(2) Eligible recipients.—The Secretary may
award a grant under this section to any of the fol-
lowing entities:

(A) An institution of higher learning.

(B) A local education agency.

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

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

(3) Use of funds.—A recipient of a grant
under this section may use the grant amount to—

(A) conduct research related to national,
State, or Tribal veterans’ cemeteries;
(B) produce education materials that teach about the history of veterans interred in national, State, or Tribal veterans’ cemeteries; and

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

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

(b) REGULATIONS.—If the Secretary establishes a grant program under this section, the Secretary shall prescribe regulations regarding—

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

(2) administration of the program.

(c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than two years after the Secretary establishes a grant program under this section, the Secretary shall submit to the committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report regarding the determination of the Secretary whether the grant program is a financially effective means to promote the purposes in subsection (a)(3).

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “Veterans Legacy Program” means the program of the National Cemetery Administration that is responsible for providing engagement and edu-
cational tools and opportunities to the public regarding the service and sacrifice of veterans interred in national, State, or Tribal veterans’ cemeteries.

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

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