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To amend title 54, United States Code, to modify certain cost-sharing requirements for grant programs under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself and Mr. MAGAZINER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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

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

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 20, 2026]

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “American Battlefield*
5 *Protection Program Amendments Act of 2026”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM**

7 **GRANT PROGRAMS.**

8 *(a) REAUTHORIZATION OF BATTLEFIELD ACQUISITION*
9 *GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 308103(f) of title 54, United*
10 *States Code, is amended by striking “2028” and inserting*
11 *“2036”.*

12 *(b) BATTLEFIELD INTERPRETATION MODERNIZATION*
13 *GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 308104 of title 54, United*
14 *States Code, is amended by striking subsection (d).*

15 *(c) BATTLEFIELD RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM.—*
16 *Section 308105 of title 54, United States Code, is amended*
17 *by striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:*

18 *“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is*
19 *authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to provide*
20 *grants under section 308104 and this section \$2,000,000 for*
21 *each fiscal year through fiscal year 2036.”.*

22 **SEC. 3. FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR AND MEXICAN-AMERICAN**

23 **WAR SITES STUDIES.**

24 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appro-*
25 *priations made in advance for such purpose, the Secretary*

1 *of the Interior (acting through the Director of the National*
2 *Park Service) (referred to in this section as the “Sec-*
3 *retary”), shall prepare or certify, pursuant to subsection*
4 *(b), studies of sites and structures located in the United*
5 *States that are thematically tied with nationally significant*
6 *events that occurred during—*

7 *(1) the French and Indian War from 1754–1763;*

8 *and*

9 *(2) the Mexican-American War from 1846–1848.*

10 *(b) PREPARATION.—*

11 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The studies under subsection*

12 *(a) may be carried out—*

13 *(A) by the Secretary, in consultation with*
14 *affected States, Indian Tribes, local governments,*
15 *the American Battlefield Trust, historic preserva-*
16 *tion organizations, and any other interested in-*
17 *dividuals or entities, as determined by the Sec-*
18 *retary; or*

19 *(B) by interested individuals or entities, if*
20 *the Secretary certifies that the completed study*
21 *meets the requirements of subsection (c).*

22 *(2) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 1 year after*
23 *receiving a study carried out by interested individ-*
24 *uals or entities under subsection (b)(1)(B), the Sec-*

1 *retary shall review and certify whether the study*
2 *meets the requirements of subsection (c).*

3 *(c) CONTENTS.—The studies prepared under sub-*
4 *section (a) shall—*

5 *(1) identify French and Indian War and Mexi-*
6 *can-American War sites, respectively, located within*
7 *the United States;*

8 *(2) determine the relative significance of the*
9 *identified sites;*

10 *(3) assess short- and long-term threats to the in-*
11 *tegrity of the identified sites; and*

12 *(4) provide alternatives for the preservation and*
13 *interpretation of the identified sites by the Federal*
14 *Government, State, local, and Tribal governments, or*
15 *other public or private entities, including potential*
16 *designation of the identified sites as units of the Na-*
17 *tional Park System, as appropriate.*

18 *(d) CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS STUDIES AND RE-*
19 *PORTS.—In preparing the studies under subsection (b)(1),*
20 *the Secretary shall consider and may include information*
21 *from previous studies and reports relating to French and*
22 *Indian War or Mexican-American War historic sites pre-*
23 *pared by the National Park Service, the American Battle-*
24 *field Trust, or other historic preservation organizations, as*
25 *appropriate.*

1 (e) *SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.*—

2 (1) *STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY THE SEC-*
3 *RETARY.*—*With respect to studies carried out by the*
4 *Secretary in accordance with subsection (b)(1)(A), the*
5 *Secretary shall submit such studies to the Committee*
6 *on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives*
7 *and Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of*
8 *the Senate not later than 2 years after the date on*
9 *which funds are made available to carry out such*
10 *studies.*

11 (2) *STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY OTHER INTER-*
12 *ESTED PARTIES.*—*With respect to studies carried out*
13 *by interested individuals or entities in accordance*
14 *with subsection (b)(1)(B), the Secretary shall submit*
15 *such studies to the Committee on Natural Resources*
16 *of the House of Representatives and Committee on*
17 *Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate not later*
18 *than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary*
19 *certifies under subsection (b)(2) that the studies meet*
20 *the requirements of subsection (c).*