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To amend title 44, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of operations by the National Archives and Records Administration.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PUTNAM (for himself and Mr. CLAY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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 “National Archives and
5 Records Administration Efficiency Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF RECORDS RETENTION PERIODS.**

7 (a) EXTENSION OF RECORDS RETENTION PERIODS
8 BY REGULATION.—Section 2909 of title 44, United States
9 Code, is amended—

1 (1) by striking “, upon the submission of evi-
2 dence of need,”;

3 (2) by striking “; and, in accordance with regu-
4 lations promulgated by him,” and inserting “, and”;
5 and

6 (3) by adding at the end the following: “The
7 Archivist shall promulgate regulations in accordance
8 with section 2104(a) of this title to implement this
9 section.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (d) of
11 section 3303a of title 44, United States Code, is amended
12 by striking the second sentence.

13 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY FOR RECORDS CENTER REVOLVING**
14 **FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE AND**
15 **CARE OF UNIFORMS FOR RECORDS CENTERS**
16 **EMPLOYEES.**

17 Subsection (a) under the heading “RECORDS CENTER
18 REVOLVING FUND” in title IV of the Independent Agencies
19 Appropriations Act (Public Law 106–58; 113 Stat. 460;
20 44 U.S.C. 2901 note) is amended by inserting after “ex-
21 penses” the following: “(including expenses for uniforms
22 or allowances for uniforms as authorized by subchapter
23 I of chapter 59 of title 5)”.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORITY TO CHARGE FEES FOR PUBLIC USE OF**
2 **FACILITIES OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND**
3 **RECORDS ADMINISTRATION.**

4 (a) PRESIDENTIAL ARCHIVAL DEPOSITORIES.—Sub-
5 section (e) of section 2112 of title 44, United States Code,
6 is amended by striking “space” and inserting “space, or
7 for the occasional, non-official use of rooms and spaces
8 (and services related to such use),”.

9 (b) NATIONAL ARCHIVES BUILDING AND OTHER
10 BUILDINGS USED FOR RECORD STORAGE.—Section 2903
11 of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “The Archivist”;

13 and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 section:

16 “(b) When the Archivist considers it to be in the pub-
17 lic interest, the Archivist may charge and collect reason-
18 able fees from the public for the occasional, non-official
19 use of rooms and spaces, and services related to such use,
20 in the buildings subject to this section. Fees collected
21 under this subsection shall be paid into an account in the
22 National Archives Trust Fund and shall be held, adminis-
23 tered, and expended for the benefit and in the interest of
24 the national archival and records activities administered
25 by the National Archives and Records Administration, in-
26 cluding educational and public program purposes.”.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORITY TO USE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**
2 **WITH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,**
3 **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND OTHER**
4 **PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO**
5 **FURTHER NARA PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Chapter 21 of title 44, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new section:

9 **“§ 2119. Cooperative agreements**

10 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Archivist may enter into co-
11 operative agreements pursuant to section 6305 of title 31
12 that involve the transfer of funds from the National Ar-
13 chives and Records Administration to State and local gov-
14 ernments, other public entities, educational institutions, or
15 private nonprofit organizations (including foundations or
16 institutes organized to support the National Archives and
17 Records Administration or the Presidential archival de-
18 positories operated by it) for the public purpose of car-
19 rying out programs of the National Archives and Records
20 Administration.

21 “(b) **LIMITATIONS.**—Not more than \$25,000 may be
22 transferred under a cooperative agreement entered into as
23 authorized by subsection (a). Not more than a total of
24 \$75,000 may be transferred under such agreements in any
25 fiscal year.

1 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than December 31st of each
2 year, the Archivist shall submit to the Committee on Gov-
3 ernment Reform of the House of Representatives and the
4 Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report
5 on the provisions, amount, and duration of each coopera-
6 tive agreement entered into as authorized by subsection
7 (a) during the preceding fiscal year.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
9 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
10 at the end the following new item:

“2119. Cooperative agreements.”.

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