

Union Calendar No. 658

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 309

[Report No. 119-757]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding for the National Law Enforcement Museum, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2025

Mr. NEHLS (for himself, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. COSTA, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. MACE, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. RYAN, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. BACON, Mr. LALOTA, Mrs. FISCHBACH, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

AUGUST 20, 2026

Additional sponsors: Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. GUEST, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. LANDSMAN, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. YAKYM, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. TURNER of Texas, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. CASE, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. CAREY, Mr. BOST, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. GIMENEZ, Ms. GILLEN, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Ms. KING-HINDS, Mr. EZELL, Mr. HIMES, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Mr. MIN, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. FALLON, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. FRY, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. SHREVE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. VINDMAN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. PFLUGER, Ms. BYNUM, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. RILEY of

New York, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. HUNT, Ms. ROSS, Mr. KEAN, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. WIED, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. TRAN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. STANTON, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. BELL, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. BARR, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. KNOTT, Mr. MACKENZIE, Mr. MEUSER, and Mr. BERGMAN

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[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 January 9, 2025]

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding for the National Law Enforcement Museum, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “National Law Enforce-*
5 *ment Officers Remembrance, Support, and Community*
6 *Outreach Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 *In this Act:*

9 (1) *FUND.*—*The term “Fund” means the Na-*
10 *tional Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.*

11 (2) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
12 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

13 **SEC. 3. SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MU-**
14 **SEUM.**

15 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to the availability of appro-*
16 *priations made in advance for such purpose, beginning on*
17 *the first fiscal year the begins after the date of the enactment*
18 *of this Act, and for each of the following 6 fiscal years, the*
19 *Secretary shall award a grant in the amount specified in*
20 *subsection (c) to the Fund to be used solely for the purposes*
21 *described in subsection (b), if upon review of the application*
22 *submitted pursuant to subsection (d), the Secretary makes*
23 *a determination to award such grant pursuant to sub-*
24 *section (e).*

1 (b) *PURPOSE.*—*The purpose of the grants authorized*
2 *under subsection (a) shall be for the expenses associated*
3 *with operating and enhancing the community outreach,*
4 *public education, and officer safety and wellness programs*
5 *of the National Law Enforcement Museum, including pro-*
6 *grams to—*

7 (1) *memorialize law enforcement heroes who die*
8 *in the line of duty and compile statistics on law en-*
9 *forcement fatalities and injuries;*

10 (2) *honor and commemorate the extraordinary*
11 *service and sacrifice of America’s law enforcement of-*
12 *ficers;*

13 (3) *develop and make available accurate, rel-*
14 *evant, and accessible resources to promote the under-*
15 *standing of law enforcement history and officer safety*
16 *and wellness training, which include digital resources*
17 *and other types of resources, such as print resources*
18 *and traveling exhibitions;*

19 (4) *increase technical resources to better engage*
20 *the public in person and via online platforms to edu-*
21 *cate and inform the public about community policing*
22 *and officer safety and wellness;*

23 (5) *create, expand, and disseminate scholarly*
24 *work through research, curricula, in-house and trav-*

1 *eling exhibitions, publications, and other outreach*
2 *initiatives;*

3 *(6) expand the collection acquisition and collec-*
4 *tion processes, including staffing, conservation, proc-*
5 *essing, and digitization;*

6 *(7) augment law enforcement history and officer*
7 *safety and wellness education activities, including the*
8 *development, dissemination, and implementation of*
9 *principles of sound pedagogy for teaching about law*
10 *enforcement history and officer safety and wellness;*

11 *(8) promote professional development, including*
12 *local, regional, and national workshops, teacher*
13 *trainings, and partnerships, with appropriate entities*
14 *to better educate and inform the public about law en-*
15 *forcement history and officer safety and wellness edu-*
16 *cation;*

17 *(9) engage with local and independent edu-*
18 *cational agencies and expand teacher engagement to*
19 *cultivate and support the development of leaders in*
20 *the teaching of law enforcement history and officer*
21 *safety and wellness education;*

22 *(10) engage with State and local education lead-*
23 *ers to encourage the adoption of resources supported*
24 *under this Act into curricula across diverse dis-*
25 *ciplines;*

1 (11) *create, develop, implement, replicate, or take*
2 *to scale entrepreneurial, evidence-based, field-initiated*
3 *innovations for museum and officer safety and*
4 *wellness improvement, and rigorously evaluate such*
5 *innovations;*

6 (12) *provide for the free admission to National*
7 *Law Enforcement Museum for active and retired law*
8 *enforcement officers and family members of fallen offi-*
9 *cers, and dedicated free admission hours for the gen-*
10 *eral public at least once a week; and*

11 (13) *develop online Law Enforcement History*
12 *and Officer Safety and Wellness Education Resources*
13 *for the general public and scholarly research.*

14 (c) *GRANT AMOUNT.—Each grant authorized under*
15 *subsection (a) shall be for \$6,000,000.*

16 (d) *APPLICATION.—To be considered for an award of*
17 *a grant under this section, the Fund shall submit to the*
18 *Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and*
19 *containing such information as the Secretary may require.*

20 (e) *REVIEW; DEADLINE FOR AWARD.—If the Sec-*
21 *retary, after review of the application from the Fund, deter-*
22 *mines that the Fund satisfies any requirements established*
23 *by the Secretary under subsection (d), the Secretary shall*
24 *award the grant to the Fund, not later than 90 days after*

1 *the date of receipt by the Secretary of the completed applica-*
2 *tion submitted by the Fund.*

3 (f) *CONDITION ON RECEIPT OF GRANT.—As a condi-*
4 *tion on receipt of a grant under this section, the Fund*
5 *shall—*

6 (1) *provide for—*

7 (A) *free admission to National Law En-*
8 *forcement Museum for active and retired law en-*
9 *forcement officers and family members of fallen*
10 *officers; and*

11 (B) *dedicated free admission hours for the*
12 *general public at least once a week; and*

13 (2) *allow for annual Federal audits of the finan-*
14 *cial statements of the Fund, including revenues asso-*
15 *ciated with ticket sales, charitable donations, grants,*
16 *and all expenditures on salaries and operations,*
17 *which shall be subject to review by the Secretary and*
18 *made available to the public.*

19 (g) *REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the end*
20 *of each fiscal year for which the Fund obligates or expends*
21 *funds made available to the Fund pursuant to this section,*
22 *the Fund shall submit to the Committee on Natural Re-*
23 *sources of the House of Representatives and the Committee*
24 *on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report*

1 *that includes, for the fiscal year covered by the report, each*
2 *of the following:*

3 *(1) Information relating to the amount of grant*
4 *funds obligated or expended for the preceding fiscal*
5 *year.*

6 *(2) Information relating to any purposes for*
7 *which such funds were obligated or expended.*

8 *(3) Information relating to the progress in deliv-*
9 *ering public education, community outreach, and offi-*
10 *cer safety and wellness programming using funds pro-*
11 *vided under this section.*

12 *(3) Any other information the Secretary may re-*
13 *quire to effectively administer the program under this*
14 *section, as determined by the Secretary, if not later*
15 *than the last day of the fiscal year the Secretary noti-*
16 *fied the Fund of such requested information.*

17 *(h) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No addi-*
18 *tional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements*
19 *of this section, and the activities authorized by this section*
20 *are subject to the availability of appropriations made in*
21 *advance for such purposes.*

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