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To reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act.

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Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act.

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; REFERENCES.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Museum and Library Services Act of 2017”.

6 (b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly
7 provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal
8 is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of,
9 a section or other provision, the reference shall be consid-
10 ered to be made to a section or other provision of the Mu-
11 seum and Library Services Act (20 U.S.C. 9101 et seq.).

1 **SEC. 2. GENERAL DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 202 (20 U.S.C. 9101) is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “means the
4 skills associated with using technology to enable
5 users to find, evaluate, organize, create, and commu-
6 nicate information.” and inserting “means the skills
7 associated with—

8 “(A) using technology to enable users to
9 find, evaluate, organize, create, and commu-
10 nicate information; and

11 “(B) developing digital citizenship and the
12 responsible use of technology.”;

13 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “by the Sec-
14 retary of the Interior”;

15 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (7) and (8) as
16 paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

17 (4) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(7) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—

20 The term ‘institution of higher education’ means an
21 institution of higher education as defined under sec-
22 tion 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
23 U.S.C. 1001).”.

24 **SEC. 3. DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE.**

25 Section 204 (20 U.S.C. 9103) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting “, except
2 that if a successor to the Director has not been ap-
3 pointed by the President, by and with the advice and
4 consent of the Senate, as of the date of expiration
5 of the Director’s term, the Director may serve for
6 not more than 1 additional year until a successor
7 has been appointed and confirmed under paragraph
8 (1)” before the period;

9 (2) in subsection (f)—

10 (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
11 ing the following:

12 “(1) programs and activities under the Elemen-
13 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (includ-
14 ing programs and activities under subparts 2 and 3
15 of part B of title II, and parts A and B of title IV,
16 of such Act);”; and

17 (B) by striking paragraph (4) and insert-
18 ing the following:

19 “(4) Federal programs and activities that in-
20 crease the capacity of libraries and museums to act
21 as partners in supporting economic and community
22 development, providing education and research, im-
23 proving digital literacy skills, strengthening financial
24 literacy and other types of literacy skills, and en-
25 hancing public safety and health awareness.”; and

1 (3) in subsection (g)—

2 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
3 by striking “Humanities, and the Director of
4 the Office of Management and Budget,” and in-
5 serting “Humanities, the Director of the Office
6 of Management and Budget, the Secretary of
7 Commerce, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
8 the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security, the Secretary of Agri-
10 culture, the Chief Executive Officer of the Cor-
11 poration for National and Community Service,
12 the Librarian of Congress, the Archivist of the
13 United States, and the Director of the United
14 States Government Publishing Office”;

15 (B) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
16 ing the following:

17 “(1) initiatives, materials, technology, or re-
18 search to support education, workforce development,
19 economic and business development, and related ac-
20 tivities and services undertaken by libraries;”; and

21 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “or tech-
22 nology” and inserting “technology, or re-
23 search”.

1 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES**

2 **BOARD.**

3 Section 207(b) (20 U.S.C. 9105a(b)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (2)(A)(i)(II), by inserting “,
5 including rural communities” after “underserved
6 communities”;

7 (2) in paragraph (3), in the first sentence—

8 (A) by inserting “, and the needs of,” after
9 “persons from”; and

10 (B) by inserting “, including rural areas”
11 after “United States”;

12 (3) in paragraph (4), by striking “and the Dep-
13 uty Director of the Office of Museum Services” and
14 inserting “the Deputy Director of the Office of Mu-
15 seum Services, and the General Counsel of the Insti-
16 tute”;

17 (4) by redesignating subsections (f) through (i)
18 as subsections (g) through (j), respectively; and

19 (5) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(f) SECRETARY.—The General Counsel of the Insti-
22 tute shall serve as Secretary of the Museum and Library
23 Services Board.”.

1 **SEC. 5. POLICY RESEARCH, DATA COLLECTION, ANALYSIS**
 2 **AND MODELING, EVALUATION, AND DISSEMI-**
 3 **NATION.**

4 Section 210 (20 U.S.C. 9108) is amended—

5 (1) by striking the section heading and insert-
 6 ing the following:

7 **“SEC. 210. POLICY RESEARCH, DATA COLLECTION, ANAL-**
 8 **YSIS AND MODELING, EVALUATION, AND DIS-**
 9 **SEMINATION.”;**

10 (2) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
 11 section (g);

12 (3) by striking subsections (a) through (e) and
 13 inserting the following:

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall regularly sup-
 15 port and conduct, as appropriate, policy research, data col-
 16 lection, analysis and modeling, evaluation, and dissemina-
 17 tion of information to extend and improve the Nation’s
 18 museum, library, and information services.

19 “(b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the policy re-
 20 search, data collection, analysis and modeling, evaluation,
 21 and dissemination of information carried out under this
 22 section include the following:

23 “(1) To enhance and expand the capacity of
 24 museums, libraries, and information services to an-
 25 ticipate, respond to, and meet the evolving needs of
 26 communities and the public, including by identifying

1 trends and developments that may impact the need
2 for and delivery of services.

3 “(2) To provide information and data on the
4 role, value, and impact of museum, library, and in-
5 formation resources, including the identification of
6 trends and potential gaps in the availability and use
7 of museum and library services by their communities
8 and the public.

9 “(3) To measure the effectiveness of museums,
10 libraries, and information services throughout the
11 United States, including the impact of Federal pro-
12 grams authorized under this Act.

13 “(4) To identify indicators and outcomes that
14 can be used to create enhancements to the efficiency
15 and efficacy of museum, library, and information
16 services.

17 “(5) To promote advancement and growth in
18 museum, library, and information services through
19 sharing of best practices and effective strategies in
20 order to better serve the people of the United States.

21 “(6) To facilitate planning for, and building of,
22 institutional capacity in order to improve—

23 “(A) museum, library, and information
24 services at the national, State, local, and re-
25 gional levels; and

1 “(B) international communications and co-
2 operative networks.

3 “(7) To support and enhance collaborative pro-
4 fessional networks and consortia that use shared,
5 meaningful, and actionable data analysis and mod-
6 eling to advance museum, library, and information
7 services and address community needs.

8 “(c) AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT AND ENTER INTO
9 OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.—The Director is authorized to
10 enter into grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and
11 other arrangements with Federal agencies, public and pri-
12 vate organizations, and other entities with expertise the
13 Director determines appropriate, to further the objectives
14 described in subsection (b) and to carry out the respon-
15 sibilities under subsection (f).

16 “(d) CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT.—
17 In carrying out subsection (a) and in furtherance of the
18 objectives described in subsection (b), the Director—

19 “(1) shall conduct ongoing collaboration (as de-
20 termined appropriate by the Director) and consult
21 with—

22 “(A) State library administrative agencies;
23 and

24 “(B) National, State, tribal, and regional
25 museum and library organizations; and

1 “(2) may also collaborate or consult with—

2 “(A) cooperative networks of geographic-
3 or discipline-based museums and libraries; and

4 “(B) other applicable agencies, organiza-
5 tions (including international organizations),
6 entities (including entities with expertise in the
7 fields of data collection, analysis and modeling,
8 and evaluation), and community stakeholders.

9 “(e) ASSISTANCE TO MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES.—

10 The Director shall provide technical support and assist-
11 ance (and other resources, to the extent practicable) to
12 ensure consistency in data reporting and help the museum
13 and library fields with meeting the objectives of this sec-
14 tion.

15 “(f) DISSEMINATION.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each year, the Director
17 shall widely disseminate, as appropriate to further
18 the objectives described in subsection (b)—

19 “(A) the results, data, reports, findings,
20 studies, surveys, and other information obtained
21 under this section;

22 “(B) the means and approaches by which
23 the objectives described in subsection (b) were
24 accomplished; and

1 “(C) information regarding the manner
2 and extent to which collaboration and consulta-
3 tion were conducted, as required by subsection
4 (d).

5 “(2) FORMATS TO BE USED.—The information
6 described in paragraph (1) shall be shared in for-
7 mats that facilitate access and ease of use and are
8 searchable.”; and

9 (4) in subsection (g)(1), as redesignated by
10 paragraph (2)—

11 (A) by striking “2011” and inserting
12 “2018”; and

13 (B) by striking “2012 through 2016” and
14 inserting “2019 through 2023”.

15 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS.**

16 Section 210C (20 U.S.C. 9111) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “a total of 7 percent of the
18 funds” and inserting “\$17,000,000 of the total
19 funds”; and

20 (2) by striking “sections 210(f)” and inserting
21 “sections 210(g)”.

22 **SEC. 7. PURPOSE RELATING TO LIBRARY SERVICES AND**
23 **TECHNOLOGY.**

24 Section 212 (20 U.S.C. 9121) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, edu-
2 cation,” after “library”;

3 (2) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the
4 following:

5 “(5) to promote literacy, education, and lifelong
6 learning, including by building learning partnerships
7 with school libraries in our Nation’s schools, includ-
8 ing tribal schools, and developing resources, capabili-
9 ties, and programs in support of State and local ef-
10 forts to offer a well-rounded educational experience
11 to all students;”;

12 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through
13 (9) as paragraphs (8) through (11), respectively;

14 (4) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(6) to enable libraries to develop services that
17 meet the needs of communities throughout the Na-
18 tion, including people of diverse geographic, cultural,
19 and socioeconomic backgrounds, individuals with dis-
20 abilities, residents of rural and urban areas, Native
21 Americans, military families, veterans, and care-
22 givers;

23 “(7) to enable libraries to serve as anchor insti-
24 tutions to support community revitalization through
25 enhancing and expanding the services and resources

provided by libraries, including those services and resources relating to workforce development, economic and business development, critical thinking skills, health information, digital literacy skills, financial literacy and other types of literacy skills, and new and emerging technology;”;

(5) in paragraph (8), as redesignated by paragraph (3), by inserting “, including those from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds,” after “professionals”;

(6) in paragraph (10), as redesignated by paragraph (3), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(7) in paragraph (11), as redesignated by paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

“(12) to encourage, support, and disseminate model programs of library and museum collaboration.”.

SEC. 8. DEFINITION OF LIBRARY.

Section 213(1) (20 U.S.C. 9122(1)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) through (E) as subparagraphs (D) through (F); and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

1 “(C) a tribal library;”.

2 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR LI-**
 3 **BRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY.**

4 Section 214(a) (20 U.S.C. 9123(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “fiscal year
 6 2011 and such sums as may be necessary for each
 7 of the fiscal years 2012 through 2016” and insert-
 8 ing “fiscal year 2018 and such sums as may be nec-
 9 essary for each of the fiscal years 2019 through
 10 2023”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “fiscal year
 12 2011 and such sums as may be necessary for each
 13 of the fiscal years 2012 through 2016” and insert-
 14 ing “fiscal year 2018 and such sums as may be nec-
 15 essary for each of the fiscal years 2019 through
 16 2023”.

17 **SEC. 10. RESERVATIONS AND ALLOTMENTS.**

18 Section 221 (20 U.S.C. 9131) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by striking “1.75”
 20 and inserting “2.25”; and

21 (2) in subsection (b)(3), by striking subpara-
 22 graph (C).

23 **SEC. 11. STATE PLANS.**

24 Section 224(b)(6) (20 U.S.C. 9134(b)(6)) is amend-
 25 ed—

1 (1) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting
2 the following:

3 “(A) programs and activities under the El-
4 ementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
5 (including programs and activities under sub-
6 parts 2 and 3 of part B of title II, and parts
7 A and B of title IV, of such Act);”;

8 (2) in subparagraph (C)—

9 (A) in clause (i), by striking “and” after
10 the semicolon; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(iii) the activities carried out by the
13 State in support of adult education and lit-
14 eracy under title II of such Act; and”; and

15 (3) in subparagraph (D)—

16 (A) by inserting “, business,” after “eco-
17 nomic”; and

18 (B) by striking “and health information”
19 and inserting “, health information, critical
20 thinking skills, digital literacy skills, financial
21 literacy and other types of literacy skills”.

22 **SEC. 12. GRANTS TO STATES.**

23 Section 231(a) (20 U.S.C. 9141(a)) is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1)—

1 (A) by inserting “(including new and
2 emerging technology)” after “formats”; and

3 (B) by striking “workforce development,
4 and digital literacy skills” and inserting “work-
5 force development, economic and business devel-
6 opment, health information, critical thinking
7 skills, digital literacy skills, and financial lit-
8 eracy and other types of literacy skills”;

9 (2) in paragraph (3)(B), by inserting “, includ-
10 ing those from diverse and underrepresented back-
11 grounds,” after “professionals”; and

12 (3) in paragraph (4), by inserting “, tribes,”
13 after “agencies”.

14 **SEC. 13. STATE ADVISORY COUNCILS.**

15 Section 251 (20 U.S.C. 9151) is amended—

16 (1) by inserting “tribal,” after “public,”; and

17 (2) by striking “and libraries serving individ-
18 uals with disabilities” and inserting “and libraries
19 serving people of diverse geographic, cultural, and
20 socioeconomic backgrounds, individuals with disabil-
21 ities, residents of rural and urban areas, Native
22 Americans, military families, veterans, and care-
23 givers.”.

24 **SEC. 14. NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES.**

25 Section 262 (20 U.S.C. 9162) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph

3 (1)—

4 (i) by striking “of awarding grants or
5 entering into contracts or cooperative
6 agreements”; and

7 (ii) by striking “museums” and all
8 that follows through “activities that may
9 include—” and inserting “museums, in-
10 cluding by carrying out activities such as—
11 ”;

12 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “and
13 emerging” after “new”;

14 (C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
15 paragraph (5); and

16 (D) by striking paragraph (3) and insert-
17 ing the following:

18 “(3) conserving, preserving, and digitizing li-
19 brary materials and resources, giving priority to
20 projects emphasizing coordination, optimizing condi-
21 tions for storage and future use, offering staff train-
22 ing, avoiding duplication, and providing access by re-
23 searchers beyond the institution or library entity un-
24 dertaking the project;

1 “(4) enhancing the ability of libraries to provide
2 services to affected communities in the event of an
3 emergency or disaster through—

4 “(A) the development of national, regional,
5 statewide, or local emergency and disaster man-
6 agement plans that—

7 “(i) address communication and co-
8 ordination of information and services for
9 affected communities; and

10 “(ii) ensure the preservation of knowl-
11 edge and library collections; and

12 “(B) the implementation of the emergency
13 and disaster management plans described in
14 subparagraph (A), or otherwise enabling librar-
15 ies to provide services consistent with this Act
16 to affected communities in the event of an
17 emergency or disaster; and”;

18 (2) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
20 ing the following:

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may carry
22 out the activities described in subsection (a) by en-
23 tering into arrangements, including grants, con-
24 tracts, cooperative agreements, and other forms of
25 assistance, with libraries, library consortia and asso-

ciations, institutions of higher education, museums,
and other entities that the Director determines ap-
propriate.”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “and co-
operative agreements” and inserting “coopera-
tive agreements, and other arrangements or
forms of assistance”; and

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “activities assisted under
this section” and inserting the following: “ac-
tivities assisted under this section—

“(1) are administered”;

(B) by striking “experts.” and inserting
“experts;”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) reflect and serve a range of library types
and geographically diverse areas;

“(3) include evaluation, analysis, and dissemi-
nation components; and

“(4) to the extent practicable, actively involve,
have direct impact on, or provide future application
in, libraries.”.

**SEC. 15. LAURA BUSH 21ST CENTURY LIBRARIAN PRO-
GRAM.**

Section 264 (20 U.S.C. 9165) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1)—

3 (i) by inserting “from diverse and
4 underrepresented backgrounds” after “li-
5 brarians”; and

6 (ii) by striking “middle” through
7 “postsecondary” and inserting “at the
8 middle school, high school, and postsec-
9 ondary levels”;

10 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “from
11 diverse and underrepresented backgrounds”
12 after “library leaders”; and

13 (C) by striking paragraph (3) and insert-
14 ing the following:

15 “(3) enhancing the training and professional
16 development of librarians and the library workforce
17 to enable librarians and the library workforce to
18 meet the needs of their communities, including those
19 needs relating to education, lifelong learning, work-
20 force development, economic and business develop-
21 ment, health information, critical thinking skills,
22 digital literacy skills, financial and other types of lit-
23 eracy skills, and new and emerging technology.”;
24 and

1 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “(as defined
2 in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965
3 (20 U.S.C. 1001))”.

4 **SEC. 16. PURPOSE RELATING TO MUSEUM SERVICES.**

5 Section 272 (20 U.S.C. 9171) is amended—

6 (1) by striking paragraph (1);

7 (2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
8 graph (1);

9 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1), as redesign-
10 nated by paragraph (2), the following:

11 “(2) to encourage and support museums in car-
12 rying out their public service role of connecting the
13 whole of society to the cultural, artistic, historical,
14 natural, and scientific understandings that con-
15 stitute our diverse heritage;”;

16 (4) in paragraph (4), by inserting “diverse” be-
17 fore “cultural”;

18 (5) in paragraph (5), by striking “as a result
19 of their increasing use by the public” and inserting
20 “as they serve their communities in new and dif-
21 ferent ways”;

22 (6) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” after
23 the semicolon;

24 (7) in paragraph (9)—

1 (A) by striking “State level” and inserting
2 “State and regional levels”; and

3 (B) by striking the period at the end and
4 inserting “; and”; and

5 (8) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(10) to assist museums in their civic engage-
7 ment efforts to ensure that every person in the
8 United States has access to high-quality museum
9 services.”.

10 **SEC. 17. MUSEUM SERVICES DEFINITIONS.**

11 Section 273(1) (20 U.S.C. 9172(1)) is amended—

12 (1) by inserting “, tribal,” after “public”; and

13 (2) by inserting “, cultural heritage,” after
14 “educational”.

15 **SEC. 18. MUSEUM SERVICES ACTIVITIES.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 274(a) (20 U.S.C.
17 9173(a)) is amended—

18 (1) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
19 following:

20 “(2) supporting museums in building learning
21 partnerships with the Nation’s schools, including
22 tribal schools, and developing museum resources, ca-
23 pabilities, and programs in support of State and
24 local efforts to offer a well-rounded educational expe-
25 rience to all students;”;

1 (2) in paragraph (3)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking
3 “and” after the semicolon;

4 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as
5 subparagraph (E); and

6 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
7 the following:

8 “(D) curate, stabilize, and organize object-
9 related information; and”;

10 (3) by striking paragraph (7);

11 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as
12 paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively;

13 (5) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(5) creating shared technology tools and data
16 resources, and developing museum staff training
17 plans to improve and maximize museum services
18 through organizations such as museum associations,
19 professional networks, community-based organiza-
20 tions, and foundations, and through other collabo-
21 rative mechanisms;”;

22 (6) in paragraph (6), as redesignated by para-
23 graph (4)—

1 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)
 2 through (E) as subparagraphs (D) through (F),
 3 respectively;

4 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
 5 the following:

6 “(C) institutions of higher education;”;

7 (C) in subparagraph (D), as redesignated
 8 by subparagraph (A), by inserting “tribal,”
 9 after “regional,”;

10 (D) in subparagraph (E), as redesignated
 11 by subparagraph (A), by striking “and” after
 12 the semicolon;

13 (E) in subparagraph (F), as redesignated
 14 by subparagraph (A), by inserting “and” after
 15 the semicolon; and

16 (F) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(G) other relevant research and policy or-
 18 ganizations;”;

19 (7) by amending paragraph (7), as redesignated
 20 by paragraph (4), to read as follows:

21 “(7) encouraging the use of new and emerging
 22 technologies and media, including new ways to dis-
 23 seminate information, engage varied audiences in ex-
 24 periential learning, and support teachers and stu-

1 dents to enhance access to and engagement with
2 museum collections, programs, and services;”;

3 (8) by amending paragraph (8) to read as fol-
4 lows:

5 “(8) supporting museums in developing, car-
6 rying out, and providing programs and services that
7 meet the needs of communities throughout the Na-
8 tion, including people of diverse geographic, cultural,
9 and socioeconomic backgrounds, individuals with dis-
10 abilities, residents of rural and urban areas, Native
11 Americans, military families, veterans, and care-
12 givers, and for State institutions;”;

13 (9) in paragraph (10), by striking “and” after
14 the semicolon;

15 (10) in paragraph (11), by striking the period
16 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

17 (11) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(12) enabling museums to serve as anchor in-
19 stitutions to support community revitalization and
20 the creation of opportunities for advancement; and

21 “(13) developing public and private partner-
22 ships with other agencies and community-based or-
23 ganizations to expand and enhance museum serv-
24 ices.”.

1 (b) SERVICES FOR NATIVE AMERICANS.—Section
 2 274(d) (20 U.S.C. 9173(d)) is amended by striking “1.75
 3 percent” and inserting “2.25 percent”.

4 (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND CONFORMING
 5 AMENDMENTS.—Section 274 (20 U.S.C. 9173), as
 6 amended by subsections (a) and (b), is further amended—

7 (1) in subsection (c)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting a period
 9 after “United States”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (3)—

11 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
 12 “technical” and all that follows through
 13 the period and inserting “technical assist-
 14 ance.”; and

15 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 16 “subparagraph (A)” and all that follows
 17 through “awards” and inserting “subpara-
 18 graph (A). Subsequent awards”; and

19 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “section 275”
 20 and inserting “section 276”.

21 **SEC. 19. 21ST CENTURY MUSEUM PROFESSIONAL PRO-**
 22 **GRAM.**

23 Subtitle C (20 U.S.C. 9171 et seq.) is amended—

24 (1) by redesignating section 275 as section 276;

25 and

1 (2) by inserting after section 274 the following:

2 **“SEC. 275. 21ST CENTURY MUSEUM PROFESSIONAL PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 “(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to
5 develop and enhance the diverse workforce of museum pro-
6 fessionals in order to best anticipate and serve the needs
7 of their local communities and the public by—

8 “(1) recruiting and educating future museum
9 professionals from diverse and underrepresented
10 backgrounds, including through encouraging middle
11 or high school students and postsecondary students
12 to pursue careers and build skills in museum serv-
13 ices;

14 “(2) developing museum leaders from diverse
15 and underrepresented backgrounds, including by in-
16 creasing the capacity of institutions that offer early
17 career and mid-career professional development, spe-
18 cialized training, and leadership programs that di-
19 rectly relate to museum studies and management;
20 and

21 “(3) supporting the professional development of
22 current museum professionals and the museum
23 workforce to enable them to meet identified needs of
24 their communities.

1 “(b) ACTIVITIES.—From the amounts provided under
2 section 276, the Director may enter into arrangements,
3 including grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and
4 other forms of assistance, with museums, museum con-
5 sortia and associations, institutions of higher education,
6 and other entities that the Director determines appro-
7 priate, for projects that further the purpose of this section,
8 such as projects that—

9 “(1) increase the number of students from di-
10 verse and underrepresented backgrounds enrolled in
11 graduate and undergraduate museum-related pro-
12 grams as well as other relevant programs offered
13 through other education-focused entities, such as
14 State and local governments, associations, and non-
15 profit organizations, in order to effectively prepare
16 the students for, and retain the students in, careers
17 in museum services;

18 “(2) recruit future museum professionals from
19 diverse and underrepresented backgrounds, including
20 efforts to attract promising middle school, high
21 school, or postsecondary students to consider careers
22 in museum services such as through offering paid in-
23 ternships, mentoring, and fellowship opportunities;

24 “(3) develop new or enhance current profes-
25 sional development and retention programs for mu-

seum professionals and the museum workforce, including through mid-career skill-building, mentoring, and fellowships, and by supporting the development of local and regional networks for those who may not have easy access to such opportunities; and

“(4) support and conduct research, needs assessments, pilot programs, and evaluation of education and professional development programs to explore successful approaches that can successfully recruit, prepare, educate, and retain the next generation of museum professionals.

“(c) EVALUATION.—The Director shall establish procedures for reviewing and evaluating arrangements supported under this section.”.

SEC. 20. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUSEUM SERVICES.

Section 276 (20 U.S.C. 9176), as redesignated by section 17(1), is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “fiscal year 2011 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2012 through 2016” and inserting “fiscal year 2018 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2019 through 2023”; and

- 1 (2) in subsection (c) by striking “fiscal year
- 2 2011” and inserting “fiscal year 2018”.

