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96th CONGRESS
1st Session

S. 1429

[Report No. 96-]

To extend the Museum Services Act for two years, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

June 27 (legislative day, June 21), 1979

Mr. Pell introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

December , 1979

Reported by Mr. Pell, with an amendment

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

A BILL

To extend the Museum Services Act for two years, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 ~~That this Act may be cited as the "Museum Services~~
4 ~~Amendments of 1979".~~

5 ~~Sec. 2. Section 206 of the Museum Services Act is amended~~
6 ~~by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:~~

7 ~~"(e) Procedures for reviewing grant applications under~~
8 ~~this section may not be subject to any review outside of the~~
9 ~~Institute."~~

10 ~~Sec. 3. (a) Section 209 of the Museum Services Act is~~
11 ~~amended by striking out "each of the fiscal years 1979 and~~

1 1980''-and-inserting-in-lieu-thereof--''the-fiscal-year-1979
2 and-for-each-of-the-succeeding-fiscal-years-ending-prior-to
3 October-17-1982''.

4 (b)-Section-209(d)-of-such-Act-is-amended-by-striking-out
5 ''1980''-and-inserting-in-lieu-thereof--''1982''.

6 That this Act may be cited as the ``Museum Services
7 Amendments of 1980''.

8 Sec. 2. Section 205 of the Museum Services Act is amended
9 by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

10 ''(c) The Director may appoint without regard to the
11 provisions of title 5 of the United States Code governing
12 appointment in the competitive service and may compensate
13 without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 of subchapter
14 III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification
15 and General Schedule pay rates not to exceed one-fifth of the
16 number of full-time regular technical or professional
17 employees of the Institute. The rate of basic compensation
18 for such employees may not equal or exceed the rate
19 prescribed for GS-16 of the General Schedule under section
20 5332 of title 5, United States Code.''

21 Sec. 3. (a) Section 206 of the Museum Services Act is
22 amended by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c) and
23 by adding after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

24 ''(b)(1) The Director, subject to the policy direction of
25 the National Museum Services Board, is authorized to enter
26 into contracts and cooperative agreements with professional
27 museum organizations to provide financial assistance to such
28 organizations in order to enable such organizations to
29 undertake projects designed to strengthen museum services.

30 ''(2)(A) No financial assistance may be made under this
31 subsection for any project for a period in excess of one
32 year.

33 ''(B) No ^{financial assistance} ~~grant~~ may be made under this subsection to pay
34 for the operational expenses of any professional museum

1 organization.

2 “(3) The aggregate amount of financial assistance made
3 under this subsection to professional museum organizations
4 shall not exceed 5 per centum of the amount appropriated
5 under this Act for that fiscal year.

6 “(4) The term ‘professional museum organization’ means a
7 nonprofit professional museum-related organization,
8 institution, or association which engages in activities
9 designed to advance the well-being of museums and the museum
10 profession.”.

11 (b) Section 206(c) of such Act (as redesignated by
12 subsection (a)) is amended--

13 (1) by inserting ‘‘, contracts and cooperative
14 agreements’’ after ‘‘Grants’’;

15 (2) by inserting ‘‘or financial assistance’’ after
16 ‘‘grant’’; and

17 (3) by inserting ‘‘or financial assistance’’ after
18 ‘‘grants’’.

19 Sec. 4. Section 206 of the Museum Services Act is further
20 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
21 subsection:

22 “(d) The Director shall establish procedures for
23 reviewing and evaluating grants, contracts and cooperative
24 agreements made or entered into under this section.
25 Procedures for reviewing grant applications or contracts and
26 cooperative agreements for financial assistance under this
27 section may not be subject to any review outside of the
28 Institute.”.

29 Sec. 5. (a) Section 209 of the Museum Services Act is
30 amended by striking out ‘‘and’’ and by inserting before the
31 period at the end thereof a comma and the following:
32 ‘‘\$21,500,000 for fiscal year 1981, and \$28,000,000 for
33 fiscal year 1982’’.

34 (b) Section 209(d) of such Act is amended by striking out

1 1980 and inserting in lieu thereof 1982.