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# H. R. 1703

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2021

Ms. NORTON (for herself and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 Children’s  
5       Museum Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CHILDREN’S MUSEUM.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Museum and Library Services Act of  
4 2003 (Public Law 108–81) designated the Capital  
5 Children’s Museum, the predecessor to the National  
6 Children’s Museum, as the “National Children’s Mu-  
7 seum”;

8 (2) the National Children’s Museum operates  
9 under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
10 Code of 1986 and is organized under the laws of the  
11 District of Columbia;

12 (3) the mission of the National Children’s Mu-  
13 seum is to inspire children to care about and change  
14 the world; and

15 (4) the National Children’s Museum is located  
16 in the federally owned Ronald Reagan Building and  
17 International Trade Center.

18 (b) NATIONAL CHILDREN’S MUSEUM.—Chapter 67  
19 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
20 the end the following:

21 **“§ 6735. National Children’s Museum**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.— Not later than 30 days after  
23 the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator  
24 of General Services shall enter into a cooperative agree-  
25 ment with the National Children’s Museum for the oper-  
26 ation of the National Children’s Museum in the approxi-

1 mately 32,369 square feet of space commonly known as  
2 suite C-001 (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Space’) of the  
3 Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center  
4 for the duration of the retail space license agreement be-  
5 tween Trade Center Management Associates, LLC, or a  
6 successor entity, and the Museum, dated December 4,  
7 2017, including any exercised renewal options.

8 “(b) CONTENTS.—The cooperative agreement under  
9 subsection (a) shall include provisions that—

10 “(1) require, for the period in which the Gen-  
11 eral Services Administration owns or controls the  
12 Space, the General Services Administration to pro-  
13 vide rent for the Space; and

14 “(2) terminate such agreement if—

15 “(A) the Museum does not continue to  
16 qualify as a nonprofit organization under sec-  
17 tion 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
18 1986; and

19 “(B) the Museum no longer uses the Space  
20 as a children’s museum; and

21 “(3) prohibits the Museum from transferring  
22 the interest in such agreement.

23 “(c) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—To carry out this section,  
24 the Administrator shall use funds derived from—

1           “(1) the Pennsylvania Avenue Development  
2       Corporation fund; or

3           “(2) the International Trade Center fund.

4       “(d) REPORT.—The cooperative agreement under  
5 subsection (a) shall require the National Children’s Mu-  
6 seum to submit to the Committee on Transportation and  
7 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the  
8 Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Sen-  
9 ate an annual report on the operations and finances of  
10 the Museum.”.

11       (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
12 ter 67 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by add-  
13 ing at the end the following:

“6735. National Children’s Museum.”.

