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# H. R. 1569

To establish a commission to study the establishment of a national education museum and archive for the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OWENS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) The United States has developed a unique  
2           and powerful system of education that is admired  
3           throughout the world.

4           (2) The American education system has devel-  
5           oped into an increasingly complex and rich mixture  
6           of public and private education since the founding of  
7           this Nation.

8           (3) There is no central location or agency re-  
9           sponsible for the identification and preservation of  
10          American education's history.

11          (4) There is a need for a national place of  
12          study and research on American education and  
13          schooling in all its dimensions.

14          (5) There is a need to study the development of  
15          a national historical and archival repository for  
16          American education.

17 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

18          The purpose of this Act is to establish a national  
19          commission to study the development of a national edu-  
20          cation museum and archive for the United States.

21 **SEC. 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

22          (a) APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION.—The Secretary  
23          of Education shall appoint a national commission includ-  
24          ing representatives from both the public and private sec-  
25          tors to study the development, creation, and operation of

1 a national education museum and archive (in this Act re-  
2 ferred to as the “Commission”).

3 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission, not to exceed  
4 15 members, shall be broadly representative of the spec-  
5 trum of American education and shall include educators,  
6 archivists, museum professionals, and policy makers.

7 (c) DURATION OF COMMISSION; REPORTS.—

8 (1) DURATION OF COMMISSION.—The Commis-  
9 sion shall exist for a period not to exceed 2 years.

10 (2) REPORTS.—The Commission shall submit  
11 regular interim reports and a final report to the Sec-  
12 retary of Education and the Congress not later than  
13 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

14 (d) DUTIES OF COMMISSION.—The Commission shall  
15 undertake at least the following actions:

16 (1) Generally defining the requirements for de-  
17 veloping, creating, and operating a national edu-  
18 cation museum and archive.

19 (2) Elaborating on, and assessing, the existing  
20 conditions affecting such requirements.

21 (3) Undertaking detailed project structure de-  
22 velopment and planning.

23 (4) Undertaking detailed museum and archive  
24 planning.

1           (5) Making detailed recommendations for the  
2           creation and operation of a national education mu-  
3           seum and archive.

4 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

5           As used in this Act:

6           (1) ARCHIVE.—The term “archive” means an  
7           organization, that identifies, collects, describes, ar-  
8           ranges, and makes accessible primary source mate-  
9           rial relevant to its mission.

10          (2) EDUCATION.—The term “education” means  
11          all aspects of American pedagogy, including public  
12          and private institutions, all levels of schooling, and  
13          all specializations, including special education and  
14          vocational education.

15          (3) MUSEUM.—The term “museum” means an  
16          organization that identifies, collects, describes, ar-  
17          ranges, and interprets artifacts relevant to its mis-  
18          sion.

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