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# H. R. 7687

To amend title 51, United States Code, to authorize the transfer to NASA of funds from other agencies for scientific or engineering research or education, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SORENSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “NASA Streamlining  
5 Partnerships for Research and Education for Engineering  
6 and Science Act” or the “NASA SPREES Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TRANSFER TO NASA OF**  
2 **FUNDS FROM OTHER AGENCIES FOR SCI-**  
3 **ENTIFIC OR ENGINEERING RESEARCH OR**  
4 **EDUCATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (f) of section 20113  
6 of title 51, United States code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “In the performance of its func-  
8 tions” and inserting the following:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the performance of its  
10 functions”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
12 paragraph:

13 “(2) TREATMENT.—Funds available to any de-  
14 partment or agency of the Federal Government for  
15 scientific or engineering research or education, or  
16 the provision of facilities therefor, shall, subject to  
17 the approval of the head of such department or  
18 agency or as delegated pursuant to such depart-  
19 ment’s or agency’s regulation, be available for trans-  
20 fer, in whole or in part, to the Administration for  
21 such use as is consistent with the purposes for which  
22 such funds were appropriated. Funds so transferred  
23 shall be merged with the appropriation to which  
24 transferred, except that such transferred funds shall  
25 be limited to the awarding of grants or cooperative

1       agreements for scientific or engineering research or  
2       education.”.

3       (b) ANNUAL INFORMATION ON FUNDS TRANS-  
4       FERRED.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years  
6       after the date of the enactment of this section, the  
7       Administrator of the National Aeronautics and  
8       Space Administration (in this section referred to as  
9       the “Administration”) shall include in the annual  
10      budget justification materials of the Administration,  
11      as submitted to Congress with the President’s budg-  
12      et request under section 1105 of title 31, United  
13      States Code, information describing the activities  
14      conducted under subsection (f) of section 20113 of  
15      title 51, United States Code (as amended by sub-  
16      section (a)), during the immediately preceding fiscal  
17      year.

18           (2) CONTENTS.—The information referred to in  
19      paragraph (1) shall contain a description of each  
20      transfer of funds under the authority provided for in  
21      paragraph (2) of subsection (f) of section 20113 of  
22      title 51, United States Code (as added and amend-  
23      ed, respectively, by this section), during the imme-  
24      diately preceding fiscal year, including the following:

1 (A) An identification of the department or  
2 agency of the Federal Government from which  
3 such funds were transferred.

4 (B) The total amount of funds so trans-  
5 ferred, disaggregated by each such department  
6 or agency.

7 (C) The purposes for which such funds  
8 were appropriated to each such agency or de-  
9 partment.

10 (D) The program or activity of the Admin-  
11 istration to which such funds were made avail-  
12 able by each such transfer.

13 (E) The purposes of each such Administra-  
14 tion program or activity, and the amount of  
15 funding appropriated to the Administration for  
16 such purposes.

17 (c) REPORT.—Not later than three years after the  
18 date of enactment of the section, the Administrator of the  
19 Administration shall submit to the Committee on Science,  
20 Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives  
21 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
22 tation of the Senate a report that includes the following:

23 (1) A summary of the value of the authority  
24 provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (f) of  
25 section 20113 of title 51, United States Code (as

1 added and amended, respectively, by this section),  
2 including the extent which such authority has bene-  
3 fitted Administration and its ability to meet its  
4 needs, achieve its mission, or more effectively con-  
5 duct interagency collaborations.

6 (2) An identification of any barriers or chal-  
7 lenges to implementing such authority, or otherwise  
8 to managing funding required to conduct joint pro-  
9 grams and award jointly funded grants and coopera-  
10 tive agreements by the Administration with other  
11 Federal departments and agencies to advance the  
12 missions of each such department and agency.

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