

Union Calendar No. 770

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7687

[Report No. 118–746, Part I]

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2024

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

NOVEMBER 18, 2024

Reported from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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Referral to the Committee on Appropriations extended for a period ending not later than December 19, 2024

DECEMBER 19, 2024

Additional sponsor: Mr. BABIN

DECEMBER 19, 2024

Committee on Appropriations discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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.

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”.

7 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TRANSFER TO NASA OF**
8 **FUNDS FROM OTHER AGENCIES FOR SCI-**
9 **ENTIFIC OR ENGINEERING RESEARCH OR**
10 **EDUCATION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (f) of section 20113
12 of title 51, United States Code, is amended—

13 (1) by striking “In the performance of its func-

14 tions” and inserting the following:

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

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraph:

19 “(2) TREATMENT.—Funds available to any de-
20 partment or agency of the Federal Government for
21 scientific or engineering research or education, or
22 the provision of facilities therefor, shall, subject to
23 the approval of the head of such department or
24 agency or as delegated pursuant to such depart-
25 ment’s or agency’s regulation, be available for trans-

1 fer, in whole or in part, to the Administration for
2 such use as is consistent with the purposes for which
3 such funds were appropriated. Funds so transferred
4 shall be merged with the appropriation to which
5 transferred, except that such transferred funds shall
6 be limited to the awarding of grants or cooperative
7 agreements for scientific or engineering research or
8 education.”.

9 (b) ANNUAL INFORMATION ON FUNDS TRANS-
10 FERRED.—

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

24 (2) CONTENTS.—The information referred to in
25 paragraph (1) shall contain a description of each

1 transfer of funds under the authority provided for in
2 paragraph (2) of subsection (f) of section 20113 of
3 title 51, United States Code (as added and amend-
4 ed, respectively, by this section), during the imme-
5 diately preceding fiscal year, including the following:

6 (A) An identification of the department or
7 agency of the Federal Government from which
8 such funds were transferred.

9 (B) The total amount of funds so trans-
10 ferred, disaggregated by each such department
11 or agency.

12 (C) The purposes for which such funds
13 were appropriated to each such agency or de-
14 partment.

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

18 (E) The purposes of each such Administra-
19 tion program or activity, and the amount of
20 funding appropriated to the Administration for
21 such purposes.

22 (c) REPORT.—Not later than three years after the
23 date of enactment of the section, the Administrator of the
24 Administration shall submit to the Committee on Science,
25 Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives

1 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
2 tation of the Senate a report that includes the following:

3 (1) A summary of the value of the authority
4 provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (f) of
5 section 20113 of title 51, United States Code (as
6 added and amended, respectively, by this section),
7 including the extent which such authority has bene-
8 fitted Administration and its ability to meet its
9 needs, achieve its mission, or more effectively con-
10 duct interagency collaborations.

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

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