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S. 2926

To make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. UDALL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Science Prize Competi-
5 tions Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO PRIZE COMPETITIONS.**

7 Section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Inno-
8 vation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) in the matter before paragraph (1)—

2 (i) by inserting “competition” after

3 “section, a prize”; and

4 (ii) by inserting “types” after “fol-

5 lowing”; and

6 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “prizes”

7 and inserting “prize competitions”;

8 (2) in subsection (f)—

9 (A) in the matter before paragraph (1), by

10 striking “in the Federal Register” and inserting

11 “on a publicly accessible Internet website of the

12 Government, such as www.challenge.gov,”; and

13 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “prize”

14 and inserting “cash prize purse”;

15 (3) in subsection (g), in the matter before para-

16 graph (1), by striking “prize” and inserting “cash

17 prize purse”;

18 (4) in subsection (h), by inserting “prize” be-

19 fore “competition” both places it appears;

20 (5) in subsection (i)—

21 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting

22 “prize” before “competition”;

23 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting

24 “prize” before “competition” both places it ap-

25 pears;

1 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
 2 paragraph (4); and

3 (D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
 4 following new paragraph:

5 “(3) WAIVER.—An agency may waive the re-
 6 quirement under paragraph (2). The annual report
 7 under subsection (p) shall include a list of such
 8 waivers granted during the preceding fiscal year,
 9 along with a detailed explanation of the reasons for
 10 granting the waivers.”;

11 (6) in subsection (k)—

12 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting
 13 “prize” before “competition”; and

14 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “prize”
 15 before “competitions” both places it appears;

16 (7) in subsection (l), by striking all after “may
 17 enter into” and inserting “a grant, contract, cooper-
 18 ative agreement, or other agreement with a private
 19 sector for-profit or nonprofit entity to administer the
 20 prize competition, subject to the provisions of this
 21 section.”;

22 (8) in subsection (m)—

23 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
 24 follows:

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Support for a prize com-
 2 petition under this section, including financial sup-
 3 port for the design and administration of a prize
 4 competition or funds for a cash prize purse, may
 5 consist of Federal appropriated funds and funds
 6 provided by private sector for-profit and nonprofit
 7 entities. The head of an agency may accept funds
 8 from other Federal agencies, private sector for-profit
 9 entities, and nonprofit entities, to be available to the
 10 extent provided by appropriations Acts, to support
 11 such prize competitions. The head of an agency may
 12 not give any special consideration to any private sec-
 13 tor for-profit or nonprofit entity in return for a do-
 14 nation.”;

15 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “prize
 16 awards” and inserting “cash prize purses”;

17 (C) in paragraph (3)(A)—

18 (i) by striking “No prize” and insert-
 19 ing “No prize competition”; and

20 (ii) by striking “the prize” and insert-
 21 ing “the cash prize purse”;

22 (D) in paragraph (3)(B)—

23 (i) in the matter before clause (i), by
 24 striking “a prize” and inserting “a cash
 25 prize purse”; and

1 (ii) in clause (i), by inserting “com-
 2 petition” after “prize”; and

3 (E) in paragraph (4)—

4 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
 5 “a prize” and inserting “a cash prize
 6 purse”; and

7 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 8 “cash prizes” and inserting “cash prize
 9 purses”;

10 (9) in subsection (n), by inserting “for both for-
 11 profit and nonprofit entities,” after “contract vehi-
 12 cle”;

13 (10) in subsection (o)(1), by striking “or pro-
 14 viding a prize” and inserting “a prize competition or
 15 providing a cash prize purse”; and

16 (11) in subsection (p)(2)—

17 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking “cash
 18 prizes” both places it occurs and inserting
 19 “cash prize purses”; and

20 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 21 subparagraph:

22 “(G) PLAN.—A description of crosscutting
 23 topical areas and agency-specific mission needs
 24 that may be the strongest opportunities for

1 prize competitions during the upcoming 2 fiscal
2 years.”.

