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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. SINEMA) 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 “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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