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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.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12, 2016

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

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## A BILL

To make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, 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 “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](http://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.”.

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