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S. 169

To amend title 17, United States Code, to require the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Artistic Recognition
5 for Talented Students Act” or the “ARTS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF FEES FOR WINNERS OF CERTAIN COM-**
2 **PETITIONS.**

3 Section 708 of title 17, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(e)(1) In this subsection, the term ‘covered competi-
6 tion’ means—

7 “(A) an art competition sponsored by the Con-
8 gressional Institute that is open only to high school
9 students; or

10 “(B) the competition established under section
11 3 of House Resolution 77, 113th Congress, agreed
12 to February 26, 2013.

13 “(2) With respect to a work that wins a covered com-
14 petition, the Register of Copyrights—

15 “(A) shall waive the requirement under sub-
16 section (a)(1) with respect to an application for reg-
17 istration of a copyright claim for that work if that
18 application is submitted to the Copyright Office not
19 later than the last day of the calendar year following
20 the year in which the work claimed by the applica-
21 tion wins the covered competition (referred to in this
22 paragraph as the ‘covered year’); and

23 “(B) may waive a fee described in subpara-
24 graph (A) for an application submitted after the end
25 of the covered year if the fee would have been
26 waived under that subparagraph had the application

1 been submitted before the last day of the covered
2 year.”.

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