To amend section 708 of title 17, United States Code, to permit the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Artistic Recognition for Talented Students Act” or the “ARTS Act”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself and Ms. MACE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL
SEC. 2. WAIVER OF FEES FOR WINNERS OF CERTAIN COMPETITIONS.

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

“(e)(1) In this subsection, the term ‘covered competition’ means—

“(A) an art competition sponsored by the Congressional Institute that is open only to high school students; and

“(B) the competition described in section 3 of H. Res. 77, as adopted by the 113th Congress.

“(2) With respect to a work that wins a covered competition, the Register of Copyrights—

“(A) shall waive the requirement under subsection (a)(1) with respect to an application for registration of a copyright claim for that work if that application is filed not later than the last day of the calendar year following the year in which the work claimed by the application wins the covered competition (referred to in this paragraph as the ‘covered year’); and

“(B) may waive the fee described in subparagraph (A) for an application filed after the end of the covered year if the fee would have been waived.
under that subparagraph had the application been submitted before the last day of the covered year.”