

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3426

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## AN ACT

To amend title 40, United States Code, to limit the construction of new courthouses under certain circumstances, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Courthouse Afford-  
3 ability and Space Efficiency (CASE) Act of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. REDUCING COSTS RELATED TO COURTHOUSES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 40, United  
6 States Code, as amended by this act, is further amended  
7 by adding at the end the following:

8 **“§ 3320. Reducing costs related to courthouses**

9 “(a) LIMITATION ON NEW COURTHOUSES.—The Ad-  
10 ministrator of General Services may not commence con-  
11 struction of any new courthouse if—

12 “(1) construction has not begun on or before  
13 the date of enactment of this section; and

14 “(2) the design and construction of the new  
15 courthouse fails to comply, at a minimum, with the  
16 courtroom sharing requirements described in sub-  
17 section (b).

18 “(b) COURTROOM SHARING REQUIREMENTS DE-  
19 FINED.—The term ‘courtroom sharing requirements’  
20 means—

21 “(1) in courthouses with 10 or more active dis-  
22 trict judges, 2 courtrooms per 3 active district  
23 judges, except such courthouses may contain not less  
24 than 9 courtrooms for active district judges;

25 “(2) in courthouses with 3 or more bankruptcy  
26 judges, 1 courtroom per 2 bankruptcy judges;

1           “(3) in courthouses with 3 or more senior dis-  
2       trict judges, 1 courtroom per 2 senior district  
3       judges; and

4           “(4) in courthouses with 3 or more magistrate  
5       judges, 1 courtroom per 2 magistrate judges.

6       “(c) UNITED STATES COURTS DESIGN GUIDE.—Not  
7       later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this  
8       section, the Design Guide for courthouses shall be updated  
9       to incorporate courtroom sharing requirements to the  
10      maximum extent practicable.

11      “(d) UTILIZATION.—If a new courthouse will add ca-  
12      pacity in the inventory of the General Services Adminis-  
13      tration, existing space in the same courthouse complex  
14      must be fully utilized or relinquished from the inventory  
15      of the General Services Administration.”.

16      (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
17      ter 33 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by add-  
18      ing at the end the following:

“3320. Reducing costs related to courthouses.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 15,  
2025.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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