

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3426

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

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:

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,

Clerk.