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H. R. 3426

To amend title 40, United States Code, to limit the construction of new courthouses under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2025

Mr. SHREVE (for himself and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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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 “Courthouse Afford-
5 ability and Space Efficiency (CASE) Act of 2025”.

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

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

1 **“§ 3320. Reducing costs related to courthouses**

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

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

7 “(2) the design and construction of the new
8 courthouse fails to comply, at a minimum, with the
9 courtroom sharing requirements described in sub-
10 section (b).

11 “(b) COURTROOM SHARING REQUIREMENTS DE-
12 FINED.—The term ‘courtroom sharing requirements’
13 means—

14 “(1) in courthouses with 10 or more active dis-
15 trict judges, 2 courtrooms per 3 active district
16 judges, except such courthouses may contain not less
17 than 9 courtrooms for active district judges;

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

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

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

25 “(c) UNITED STATES COURTS DESIGN GUIDE.—Not
26 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this

1 section, the Design Guide for courthouses shall be updated
2 to incorporate courtroom sharing requirements to the
3 maximum extent practicable.

4 “(d) UTILIZATION.—If a new courthouse will add ca-
5 pacity in the inventory of the General Services Adminis-
6 tration, existing space in the same courthouse complex
7 must be fully utilized or relinquished from the inventory
8 of the General Services Administration.”.

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

“3320. Reducing costs related to courthouses.”.

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