

Union Calendar No. 197

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3426

[Report No. 119-240]

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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:

10 **“§ 3320. Reducing costs related to courthouses**

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

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

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

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

23 “(1) in courthouses with 10 or more active dis-
24 trict judges, 2 courtrooms per 3 active district

1 judges, except such courthouses may contain not less
2 than 9 courtrooms for active district judges;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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