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To authorize additional district judges for the district courts and convert temporary judgeships.

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Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JUNE 18, 2024

Reported by Mr. COONS (for Mr. DURBIN) with an amendment
[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To authorize additional district judges for the district courts
and convert temporary judgeships.

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 “~~Judicial Understaffing~~
5 ~~Delays Getting Emergencies Solved Act of 2024~~” or the
6 “~~JUDGES Act of 2024~~”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Article III of the Constitution of the United
4 States gives Congress the power to establish judge-
5 ships in the district courts of the United States.

6 (2) Congress has not created a new district
7 court judgeship since 2003 and has not enacted
8 comprehensive judgeship legislation since 1990.

9 (3) This represents the longest period of time
10 since district courts of the United States were estab-
11 lished in 1789 that Congress has not authorized any
12 new permanent district court judgeships.

13 (4) By the end of fiscal year 2022, filings in the
14 district courts of the United States had increased by
15 30 percent since the last comprehensive judgeship
16 legislation.

17 (5) As of March 31, 2023, there were 686,797
18 pending cases in the district courts of the United
19 States, with an average of 491 weighted case filings
20 per judgeship over a 12-month period.

21 (6) To deal with increased filings in the district
22 courts of the United States, the Judicial Conference
23 of the United States requested the creation of 66
24 new district court judgeships in its 2023 report.

1 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT**
2 **COURTS.**

3 (a) **ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS.—**

4 (1) **2025.—**On or after January 21, 2025, the
5 President shall appoint, by and with the advice and
6 consent of the Senate—

7 (A) 1 additional district judge for the dis-
8 trict of Arizona;

9 (B) 5 additional district judges for the cen-
10 tral district of California;

11 (C) 2 additional district judges for the
12 eastern district of California;

13 (D) 3 additional district judges for the
14 northern district of California;

15 (E) 1 additional district judge for the
16 southern district of California;

17 (F) 1 additional district judge for the dis-
18 trict of Colorado;

19 (G) 1 additional district judge for the dis-
20 trict of Delaware;

21 (H) 2 additional district judges for the
22 middle district of Florida;

23 (I) 1 additional district judge for the
24 southern district of Florida;

25 (J) 1 additional district judge for the
26 northern district of Georgia;

1 ~~(K)~~ 1 additional district judge for the dis-
2 trict of Idaho;

3 ~~(L)~~ 1 additional district judge for the
4 southern district of Indiana;

5 ~~(M)~~ 1 additional district judge for the
6 northern district of Iowa;

7 ~~(N)~~ 1 additional district judge for the dis-
8 trict of Nebraska;

9 ~~(O)~~ 1 additional district judge for the dis-
10 trict of New Jersey;

11 ~~(P)~~ 1 additional district judge for the east-
12 ern district of New York;

13 ~~(Q)~~ 1 additional district judge for the
14 southern district of New York;

15 ~~(R)~~ 1 additional district judge for the east-
16 ern district of Texas;

17 ~~(S)~~ 1 additional district judge for the
18 northern district of Texas;

19 ~~(T)~~ 2 additional district judges for the
20 southern district of Texas; and

21 ~~(U)~~ 3 additional district judges for the
22 western district of Texas.

23 ~~(2)~~ 2029.—On or after January 21, 2029, the
24 President shall appoint, by and with the advice and
25 consent of the Senate—

1 (A) 1 additional district judge for the dis-
2 trict of Arizona;

3 (B) 4 additional district judges for the cen-
4 tral district of California;

5 (C) 2 additional district judge for the east-
6 ern district of California;

7 (D) 3 additional district judges for the
8 northern district of California;

9 (E) 1 additional district judge for the
10 southern district of California;

11 (F) 1 additional district judge for the dis-
12 trict of Colorado;

13 (G) 1 additional district judge for the dis-
14 trict of Delaware;

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16 middle district of Florida;

17 (I) 1 additional district judge for the
18 northern district of Florida;

19 (J) 2 additional district judges for the
20 southern district of Florida;

21 (K) 1 additional district judge for the
22 northern district of Georgia;

23 (L) 2 additional district judges for the dis-
24 trict of New Jersey;

1 (M) 1 additional district judge for the
2 eastern district of New York;

3 (N) 1 additional district judge for the
4 southern district of New York;

5 (O) 1 additional district judge for the
6 western district of New York;

7 (P) 1 additional district judge for the east-
8 ern district of Texas;

9 (Q) 2 additional district judge for the
10 southern district of Texas; and

11 (R) 3 additional district judges for the
12 western district of Texas.

13 (b) TEMPORARY JUDGESHIPS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint,
15 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

16 (A) 2 additional district judges for the
17 eastern district of Oklahoma; and

18 (B) 1 additional district judge for the
19 northern district of Oklahoma.

20 (2) VACANCIES NOT FILLED.—The first va-
21 cancy in the office of district judge in each of the
22 offices of district judge authorized by this sub-
23 section, occurring 5 years or more after the con-
24 firmation date of the judge named to fill the tem-

1 porary district judgeship created in the applicable
2 district by this subsection, shall not be filled.

3 ~~(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—~~This subsection shall
4 take effect on ~~January 21, 2025~~.

5 ~~(c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—~~
6 The table contained in section ~~133(a)~~ of title 28, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 ~~(1)~~ by striking the item relating to Arizona and
9 inserting the following:

“Arizona 14”;

10 ~~(2)~~ by striking the items relating to California
11 and inserting the following:

“California:
Northern 20
Eastern 10
Central 36
Southern 15”;

12 ~~(3)~~ by striking the item relating to Colorado
13 and inserting the following:

“Colorado 9”;

14 ~~(4)~~ by striking the item relating to Delaware
15 and inserting the following:

“Delaware 6”;

16 ~~(5)~~ by striking the items relating to Florida and
17 inserting the following:

“Florida:
Northern 5
Middle 20
Southern 20”;

1 (6) by striking the items relating to Georgia
2 and inserting the following:

“Georgia:	
Northern	13
Middle	4
Southern	3”;

3 (7) by striking the item relating to Idaho and
4 inserting the following:

“Idaho	3”;
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5 (8) by striking the items relating to Indiana
6 and inserting the following:

“Indiana:	
Northern	5
Southern	6”;

7 (9) by striking the items relating to Iowa and
8 inserting the following:

“Iowa:	
Northern	3
Southern	3”;

9 (10) by striking the item relating to Nebraska
10 and inserting the following:

“Nebraska	4”;
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11 (11) by striking the item relating to New Jer-
12 sey and inserting the following:

“New Jersey	20”;
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13 (12) by striking the items relating to New York
14 and inserting the following:

“New York:	
Northern	5
Southern	30

Eastern	17
Western	5”;

1 (13) by striking the items relating to Texas and
 2 inserting the following:

“Texas:	
Northern	13
Southern	23
Eastern	9
Western	19”.

3 **SEC. 4. GAO REPORT ON VACANT AND UNDERUTILIZED**
 4 **COURTHOUSES.**

5 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
 6 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
 7 shall make publicly available a report identifying Federal
 8 courthouses that are vacant or underused.

9 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
 11 as may be necessary to carry out this Act and the amend-
 12 ments made by this Act, including such sums as may be
 13 necessary to provide appropriate space and facilities for
 14 the judicial positions created by this Act or an amendment
 15 made by this Act.

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 19 “JUDGES Act of 2024”.

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2 *States gives Congress the power to establish judgeships*
3 *in the district courts of the United States.*

4 (2) *Congress has not created a new district court*
5 *judgeship since 2003 and has not enacted comprehen-*
6 *sive judgeship legislation since 1990.*

7 (3) *This represents the longest period of time*
8 *since district courts of the United States were estab-*
9 *lished in 1789 that Congress has not authorized any*
10 *new permanent district court judgeships.*

11 (4) *By the end of fiscal year 2022, filings in the*
12 *district courts of the United States had increased by*
13 *30 percent since the last comprehensive judgeship leg-*
14 *islation.*

15 (5) *As of March 31, 2023, there were 686,797*
16 *pending cases in the district courts of the United*
17 *States, with an average of 491 weighted case filings*
18 *per judgeship over a 12-month period.*

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20 *courts of the United States, the Judicial Conference of*
21 *the United States requested the creation of 66 new*
22 *district court judgeships in its 2023 report.*

23 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT**
24 **COURTS.**

25 (a) *ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS.—*

1 (1) 2025.—

2 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The President shall ap-*
3 *point, by and with the advice and consent of the*
4 *Senate—*

5 (i) *1 additional district judge for the*
6 *central district of California;*

7 (ii) *1 additional district judge for the*
8 *eastern district of California;*

9 (iii) *1 additional district judge for the*
10 *northern district of California;*

11 (iv) *1 additional district judge for the*
12 *district of Delaware;*

13 (v) *1 additional district judge for the*
14 *middle district of Florida;*

15 (vi) *1 additional district judge for the*
16 *southern district of Indiana;*

17 (vii) *1 additional district judge for the*
18 *northern district of Iowa;*

19 (viii) *1 additional district judge for*
20 *the district of New Jersey;*

21 (ix) *1 additional district judge for the*
22 *southern district of New York;*

23 (x) *1 additional district judge for the*
24 *eastern district of Texas; and*

1 *(xi) 1 additional district judge for the*
 2 *southern district of Texas.*

3 *(B) TABLES.—The table contained in sec-*
 4 *tion 133(a) of title 28, United States Code, is*
 5 *amended—*

6 *(i) by striking the items relating to*
 7 *California and inserting the following:*

“California:

<i>Northern</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Eastern</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Central</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Southern</i>	<i>13”;</i>

8 *(ii) by striking the item relating to*
 9 *Delaware and inserting the following:*

“Delaware *5”;*

10 *(iii) by striking the items relating to*
 11 *Florida and inserting the following:*

“Florida:

<i>Northern</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Middle</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Southern</i>	<i>17”;</i>

12 *(iv) by striking the items relating to*
 13 *Indiana and inserting the following:*

“Indiana:

<i>Northern</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Southern</i>	<i>6”;</i>

14 *(v) by striking the items relating to*
 15 *Iowa and inserting the following:*

“Iowa:

<i>Northern</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Southern</i>	<i>3”;</i>

1 (vi) by striking the item relating to
2 New Jersey and inserting the following:

“New Jersey 18”;

3 (vii) by striking the items relating to
4 New York and inserting the following:

“New York:
Northern 5
Southern 29
Eastern 15
Western 4”; and

5 (viii) by striking the items relating to
6 Texas and inserting the following:

“Texas:
Northern 12
Southern 20
Eastern 8
Western 13”.

7 (C) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—This paragraph
8 shall take effect on January 21, 2025.

9 (2) 2027.—

10 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—The President shall ap-
11 point, by and with the advice and consent of the
12 Senate—

13 (i) 1 additional district judge for the
14 district of Arizona;

15 (ii) 2 additional district judges for the
16 central district of California;

17 (iii) 1 additional district judge for the
18 eastern district of California;

1 (iv) 1 additional district judge for the
2 northern district of California;

3 (v) 1 additional district judge for the
4 middle district of Florida;

5 (vi) 1 additional district judge for the
6 southern district of Florida;

7 (vii) 1 additional district judge for the
8 northern district of Georgia;

9 (viii) 1 additional district judge for
10 the district of Idaho;

11 (ix) 1 additional district judge for the
12 northern district of Texas; and

13 (x) 1 additional district judge for the
14 southern district of Texas.

15 (B) TABLES.—The table contained in sec-
16 tion 133(a) of title 28, United States Code, as
17 amended by paragraph (1) of this subsection, is
18 amended—

19 (i) by striking the item relating to Ari-
20 zona and inserting the following:

“Arizona 13”;

21 (ii) by striking the items relating to
22 California and inserting the following:

“California:
Northern 16
Eastern 8
Central 30
Southern 13”;

1 (iii) by striking the items relating to
2 Florida and inserting the following:

“Florida:
Northern 4
Middle 17
Southern 18”;

3 (iv) by striking the items relating to
4 Georgia and inserting the following:

“Georgia:
Northern 12
Middle 4
Southern 3”;

5 (v) by striking the item relating to
6 Idaho and inserting the following:

“Idaho 3”; and

7 (vi) by striking the items relating to
8 Texas and inserting the following:

“Texas:
Northern 13
Southern 21
Eastern 8
Western 13”.

9 (C) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This paragraph
10 shall take effect on January 21, 2027.

11 (3) 2029.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The President shall ap-
13 point, by and with the advice and consent of the
14 Senate—

15 (i) 1 additional district judge for the
16 central district of California;

1 (ii) 1 additional district judge for the
2 eastern district of California;

3 (iii) 1 additional district judge for the
4 northern district of California;

5 (iv) 1 additional district judge for the
6 district of Colorado;

7 (v) 1 additional district judge for the
8 district of Delaware;

9 (vi) 1 additional district judge for the
10 district of Nebraska;

11 (vii) 1 additional district judge for the
12 eastern district of New York;

13 (viii) 1 additional district judge for
14 the eastern district of Texas;

15 (ix) 1 additional district judge for the
16 southern district of Texas; and

17 (x) 1 additional district judge for the
18 western district of Texas.

19 (B) TABLES.—The table contained in sec-
20 tion 133(a) of title 28, United States Code, as
21 amended by paragraph (2) of this subsection, is
22 amended—

23 (i) by striking the items relating to
24 California and inserting the following:

“California:	
Northern	17
Eastern	9

Central 31
 Southern 13”;

1 (ii) by striking the item relating to
 2 Colorado and inserting the following:

“Colorado 8”;

3 (iii) by striking the item relating to
 4 Delaware and inserting the following:

“Delaware 6”;

5 (iv) by striking the item relating to
 6 Nebraska and inserting the following:

“Nebraska 4”;

7 (v) by striking the items relating to
 8 New York and inserting the following:

“New York:
 Northern 5
 Southern 29
 Eastern 16
 Western 4”; and

9 (vi) by striking the items relating to
 10 Texas and inserting the following:

“Texas:
 Northern 13
 Southern 22
 Eastern 9
 Western 14”.

11 (C) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—This paragraph
 12 shall take effect on January 21, 2029.

13 (4) 2031.—

1 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The President shall ap-*
2 *point, by and with the advice and consent of the*
3 *Senate—*

4 (i) *1 additional district judge for the*
5 *district of Arizona;*

6 (ii) *1 additional district judge for the*
7 *central district of California;*

8 (iii) *1 additional district judge for the*
9 *eastern district of California;*

10 (iv) *1 additional district judge for the*
11 *northern district of California;*

12 (v) *1 additional district judge for the*
13 *southern district of California;*

14 (vi) *1 additional district judge for the*
15 *middle district of Florida;*

16 (vii) *1 additional district judge for the*
17 *southern district of Florida;*

18 (viii) *1 additional district judge for*
19 *the district of New Jersey;*

20 (ix) *1 additional district judge for the*
21 *western district of New York; and*

22 (x) *2 additional district judges for the*
23 *western district of Texas.*

24 (B) *TABLES.*—*The table contained in sec-*
25 *tion 133(a) of title 28, United States Code, as*

1 *amended by paragraph (3) of this subsection, is*
2 *amended—*

3 *(i) by striking the item relating to Ari-*
4 *zona and inserting the following:*

“Arizona 14”;

5 *(ii) by striking the items relating to*
6 *California and inserting the following:*

“California:
Northern 18
Eastern 10
Central 32
Southern 14”;

7 *(iii) by striking the items relating to*
8 *Florida and inserting the following:*

“Florida:
Northern 4
Middle 18
Southern 19”;

9 *(iv) by striking the item relating to*
10 *New Jersey and inserting the following:*

“New Jersey 19”;

11 *(v) by striking the items relating to*
12 *New York and inserting the following:*

“New York:
Northern 5
Southern 29
Eastern 16
Western 5”; and

13 *(vi) by striking the items relating to*
14 *Texas and inserting the following:*

“Texas:

Northern 13
 Southern 22
 Eastern 9
 Western 16”.

1 (C) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*This paragraph*
 2 *shall take effect on January 21, 2031.*

3 (5) 2033.—

4 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The President shall ap-*
 5 *point, by and with the advice and consent of the*
 6 *Senate—*

7 (i) *2 additional district judges for the*
 8 *central district of California;*

9 (ii) *1 additional district judge for the*
 10 *northern district of California;*

11 (iii) *1 additional district judge for the*
 12 *district of Colorado;*

13 (iv) *1 additional district judge for the*
 14 *middle district of Florida;*

15 (v) *1 additional district judge for the*
 16 *northern district of Florida;*

17 (vi) *1 additional district judge for the*
 18 *northern district of Georgia;*

19 (vii) *1 additional district judge for the*
 20 *southern district of New York;*

21 (viii) *1 additional district judge for*
 22 *the southern district of Texas; and*

1 (ix) 1 additional district judge for the
2 western district of Texas.

3 (B) TABLES.—The table contained in sec-
4 tion 133(a) of title 28, United States Code, as
5 amended by paragraph (4) of this subsection, is
6 amended—

7 (i) by striking the items relating to
8 California and inserting the following:

<i>“California:</i>	
<i>Northern</i>	19
<i>Eastern</i>	10
<i>Central</i>	34
<i>Southern</i>	14”;

9 (ii) by striking the item relating to
10 Colorado and inserting the following:

<i>“Colorado</i>	9”;
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11 (iii) by striking the items relating to
12 Florida and inserting the following:

<i>“Florida:</i>	
<i>Northern</i>	5
<i>Middle</i>	19
<i>Southern</i>	19”;

13 (iv) by striking the items relating to
14 Georgia and inserting the following:

<i>“Georgia:</i>	
<i>Northern</i>	13
<i>Middle</i>	4
<i>Southern</i>	3”;

15 (v) by striking the items relating to
16 New York and inserting the following:

<i>“New York:</i>	
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Northern	5
Southern	30
Eastern	16
Western	5"; and

1 (vi) by striking the items relating to
 2 Texas and inserting the following:

“Texas:

Northern	13
Southern	23
Eastern	9
Western	17”.

3 (C) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—This paragraph
 4 shall take effect on January 21, 2033.

5 (6) 2035.—

6 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—The President shall ap-
 7 point, by and with the advice and consent of the
 8 Senate—

9 (i) 2 additional district judges for the
 10 central district of California;

11 (ii) 1 additional district judge for the
 12 northern district of California;

13 (iii) 1 additional district judge for the
 14 southern district of California;

15 (iv) 1 additional district judge for the
 16 middle district of Florida;

17 (v) 1 additional district judge for the
 18 southern district of Florida;

19 (vi) 1 additional district judge for the
 20 district of New Jersey;

1 (vii) 1 additional district judge for the
2 eastern district of New York;

3 (viii) 2 additional district judges for
4 the western district of Texas.

5 (B) TABLES.—The table contained in sec-
6 tion 133(a) of title 28, United States Code, as
7 amended by paragraph (5) of this subsection, is
8 amended—

9 (i) by striking the items relating to
10 California and inserting the following:

<i>“California:</i>	
<i>Northern</i>	20
<i>Eastern</i>	10
<i>Central</i>	36
<i>Southern</i>	15”;

11 (ii) by striking the items relating to
12 Florida and inserting the following:

<i>“Florida:</i>	
<i>Northern</i>	5
<i>Middle</i>	20
<i>Southern</i>	20”;

13 (iii) by striking the item relating to
14 New Jersey and inserting the following:

<i>“New Jersey</i>	20”;
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15 (iv) by striking the items relating to
16 New York and inserting the following:

<i>“New York:</i>	
<i>Northern</i>	5
<i>Southern</i>	30
<i>Eastern</i>	17
<i>Western</i>	5”;

1 (v) by striking the items relating to
2 Texas and inserting the following:

“Texas:

Northern	13
Southern	23
Eastern	9
Western	19”.

3 (C) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—This paragraph
4 shall take effect on January 21, 2035.

5 (b) *TEMPORARY JUDGESHIPS.*—

6 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—The President shall appoint,
7 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

8 (A) 2 additional district judges for the east-
9 ern district of Oklahoma; and

10 (B) 1 additional district judge for the
11 northern district of Oklahoma.

12 (2) *VACANCIES NOT FILLED.*—The first vacancy
13 in the office of district judge in each of the offices of
14 district judge authorized by this subsection, occurring
15 5 years or more after the confirmation date of the
16 judge named to fill the temporary district judgeship
17 created in the applicable district by this subsection,
18 shall not be filled.

19 (3) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—This subsection shall take
20 effect on January 21, 2025.

21 (c) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is authorized to be ap-*
2 *propriated to carry out this section and the amend-*
3 *ments made by this section—*

4 (A) *for each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026,*
5 *\$12,965,330;*

6 (B) *for each of fiscal years 2027 and 2028,*
7 *\$23,152,375;*

8 (C) *for each of fiscal years 2029 and 2030,*
9 *\$32,413,325;*

10 (D) *for each of fiscal years 2031 and 2032,*
11 *\$42,600,370;*

12 (E) *for each of fiscal years 2033 and 2034,*
13 *\$51,861,320; and*

14 (F) *for fiscal year 2035 and each fiscal year*
15 *thereafter, \$61,122,270.*

16 (2) *INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.*—*For each fiscal*
17 *year described in paragraph (1), the amount author-*
18 *ized to be appropriated for such fiscal year shall be*
19 *increased by the percentage by which—*

20 (A) *the Consumer Price Index for the pre-*
21 *vious fiscal year, exceeds*

22 (B) *the Consumer Price Index for the fiscal*
23 *year preceding the fiscal year described in sub-*
24 *paragraph (A).*

1 (3) *DEFINITION.*—*In this subsection, the term*
 2 *“Consumer Price Index” means the Consumer Price*
 3 *Index for All Urban Consumers (all items, United*
 4 *States city average), published by the Bureau of*
 5 *Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.*

6 **SEC. 4. ORGANIZATION OF UTAH DISTRICT COURTS.**

7 *Section 125(2) of title 28, United States Code, is*
 8 *amended by striking “and St. George” and inserting “St.*
 9 *George, Moab, and Monticello”.*

10 **SEC. 5. ORGANIZATION OF TEXAS DISTRICT COURTS.**

11 *Section 124(b)(2) of title 28, United States Code, is*
 12 *amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (3), by insert-*
 13 *ing “and College Station” before the period at the end.*

14 **SEC. 6. ORGANIZATION OF CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COURTS.**

15 *Section 84(d) of title 28, United States Code, is*
 16 *amended by inserting “and El Centro” after “at San*
 17 *Diego”.*

18 **SEC. 7. GAO REPORTS.**

19 (a) *JUDICIAL CASELOADS.*—*Not later than 2 years*
 20 *after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller Gen-*
 21 *eral of the United States shall submit to the Committee on*
 22 *the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judi-*
 23 *ciary of the House of Representatives and make publicly*
 24 *available reports—*

25 (1) *evaluating—*

1 (A) *the accuracy and objectiveness of case-*
2 *related workload measures and methodologies*
3 *used by the Administrative Office of the United*
4 *States Courts for district courts of the United*
5 *States and courts of appeals of the United*
6 *States;*

7 (B) *the impact of non-case-related activities*
8 *of judges of the district courts of the United*
9 *States and courts of appeals of the United States*
10 *on judicial caseloads; and*

11 (C) *the effectiveness and efficiency of the*
12 *policies of the Administrative Office of the*
13 *United States Courts regarding senior judges;*
14 *and*

15 (2) *providing any recommendations of the*
16 *Comptroller General with respect to the matters de-*
17 *scribed in paragraph (1).*

18 (b) *DETENTION SPACE.—The Comptroller General of*
19 *the United States shall submit to the Committee on the Ju-*
20 *diciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary*
21 *of the House of Representatives a report on an assessment*
22 *of—*

23 (1) *a determination of the needs of Federal agen-*
24 *cies for detention space;*

1 (2) *efforts by Federal agencies to acquire deten-*
2 *tion space; and*

3 (3) *any challenges in determining and acquiring*
4 *detention space.*

5 **SEC. 8. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY OF THE ARTICLE III JUDGE-**
6 **SHIP RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUDICIAL**
7 **CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES RE-**
8 **PORT.**

9 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Administrative Office of the*
10 *United States Courts, in consultation with the Judicial*
11 *Conference of the United States, shall make publicly avail-*
12 *able on their website, free of charge, the biennial report enti-*
13 *tled “Article III Judgeship Recommendations of the Judi-*
14 *cial Conference of the United States”.*

15 (b) *CONTENTS.*—*The report described in subsection (a)*
16 *should be released not less frequently than biennially and*
17 *contain the summaries and all related appendixes sup-*
18 *porting the judgeship recommendations of the Judicial Con-*
19 *ference of the United States, including—*

20 (1) *the process used by the Judicial Conference*
21 *in developing the recommendations;*

22 (2) *any caseload and methodology changes;*

23 (3) *judgeship surveys with recommendations;*

24 *and*

1 (4) *specific information about each court for*
2 *which the Judicial Conference recommends additional*
3 *judgeships.*

4 (c) *SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Administrative*
5 *Office of the United States Courts shall submit to the Com-*
6 *mittee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee*
7 *on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives copies of*
8 *the report described in subsection (a).*

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