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H. R. 10305

To amend the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024 to provide the Comptroller General with certain data, to provide for certain swing space, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Mr. PERRY 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 “Strengthening Over-
5 sight in Public Buildings Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING OVERSIGHT.**

7 (a) COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED
8 STATES.—Section 2302 of the Thomas R. Carper Water

1 Resources Development Act of 2024 (40 U.S.C. 584 note)
2 is amended by adding at the end the following:

3 “(i) GAO ACCESS TO DATA.—The Director and Ad-
4 ministrator shall provide to the Comptroller General of the
5 United States all data and reports pursuant to this sec-
6 tion, including subsections (c), (e), and (f).”.

7 (b) CLARIFICATION ON AGENCIES WITH INDE-
8 PENDENT LEASING AUTHORITY.—Subsection (f) of sec-
9 tion 2302 of the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources De-
10 velopment Act of 2024 (40 U.S.C. 584 note) is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
12 graph (6);

13 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), and
14 (6) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respectively;

15 (3) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated—

16 (A) by striking the paragraph enumerator
17 and all that follows through “with independent
18 leasing authorities” and inserting the following:

19 “(5)(A) REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AGEN-
20 CIES WITH INDEPENDENT LEASING AUTHORITIES.—
21 The head of any agency, regardless of whether the
22 agency is covered by section 901 of title 31, United
23 States Code, with independent leasing authorities”;
24 and

25 (B) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(B) OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—

2 “(i) ACCOUNTING.—Not later than 1 year
3 after the date of enactment of the Strength-
4 ening Oversight in Public Buildings Act, the
5 Director shall submit to the Committee on
6 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
7 of Representatives, the Committee on Environ-
8 ment and Public Works of the Senate, and the
9 Comptroller General of the United States a list
10 of all agencies that have an independent leasing
11 authority to procure office space.

12 “(ii) OVERSIGHT.—The Director shall en-
13 sure all agencies with independent leasing au-
14 thorities are notified of and comply with the re-
15 quirements of this section.”.

16 **SEC. 3. SWING SPACE TO SUPPORT BUILDING SALES.**

17 Section 2312 of the Thomas R. Carper Water Re-
18 sources Development Act of 2024 (40 U.S.C. 584 note)
19 is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “Not later”
21 and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (d),
22 not later”; and

23 (2) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(d) SWING SPACE EXCEPTION.—The Administrator
25 of General Services may retain the Federal building de-

1 scribed in subsection (a) so long as such building is used
 2 as swing space to facilitate the sale or major renovation
 3 of other Federal buildings so long as—

4 “(1) the cost of retaining such building does
 5 not exceed any savings realized by the sale or major
 6 renovation of any other Federal building; and

7 “(2) the Administrator submits to the Com-
 8 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
 9 House of Representatives and the Committee on En-
 10 vironment and Public Works of the Senate annual
 11 plans for the use of such building.”.

12 **SEC. 4. PUBLIC BUILDINGS REFORM BOARD.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Assets Sale and
 14 Transfer Act (40 U.S.C. 1303 note) is amended—

15 (1) in section 10 by striking “December 31,
 16 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2028”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new sec-
 18 tion:

19 **“SEC. 27. ACCESS TO UTILIZATION DATA.**

20 “The Director of the Office of Management and
 21 Budget and the Administrator shall provide all data and
 22 reports to the Board collected and produced pursuant to
 23 section 2302 of the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources
 24 Development Act of 2024 (40 U.S.C. 584 note).”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
2 tents in section 1(b) of the Federal Assets Sale and Trans-
3 fer Act (40 U.S.C. 1303 note) is amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

“Sec. 27. Access to utilization data.”.

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