

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 8096
OFFERED BY MR. COMER OF KENTUCKY**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Duplication Scoring
3 Act of 2026”.

4 SEC. 2. ASSESSMENTS OF REPORTED BILLS BY GAO.

5 Section 719 of title 31, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(i)(1) In this subsection—

8 “(A) the term ‘covered bill or joint resolution’
9 means a bill or joint resolution of a public character
10 reported by any committee of Congress (including
11 the Committee on Appropriations and the Com-
12 mittee on the Budget of either House);

13 “(B) the term ‘existing duplicative or overlap-
14 ping feature’ means an element of the Federal Gov-
15 ernment previously identified as an area of duplica-
16 tion, overlap, or fragmentation in a GAO duplication
17 and overlap report;

1 “(C) the term ‘GAO duplication and overlap re-
2 port’ means each annual report prepared by the
3 Comptroller General under section 21 of the Joint
4 Resolution entitled ‘Joint Resolution increasing the
5 statutory limit on the public debt’, approved Feb-
6 ruary 12, 2010 (31 U.S.C. 712 note); and

7 “(D) the term ‘new duplicative or overlapping
8 feature’ means a new Federal program, office, or
9 initiative created under a covered bill or joint resolu-
10 tion that would duplicate or overlap with an existing
11 duplicative or overlapping feature.

12 “(2) For each covered bill or joint resolution, the
13 Comptroller General shall, to the extent practicable—

14 “(A) determine the extent to which the covered
15 bill or joint resolution creates a risk of a new dupli-
16 cative or overlapping feature and, if the risk so war-
17 rants, identify—

18 “(i) the name of the new Federal program,
19 office, or initiative;

20 “(ii) the section of the covered bill or joint
21 resolution at which the new duplicative or over-
22 lapping feature is established; and

23 “(iii) the GAO duplication and overlap re-
24 port in which the existing duplicative or over-
25 lapping feature is identified;

1 “(B) submit the information described in clause
2 (i) to the committee that reported the covered bill or
3 joint resolution and the sponsor of the covered bill
4 or joint resolution; and

5 “(C) publish the information prepared under
6 clause (i) on the website of the Government Ac-
7 countability Office.”.

8 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUNSET.**

9 (a) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This Act and the amend-
10 ment made by this Act shall take effect on the first day
11 of the 120th Congress.

12 (b) **SUNSET.**—On the date that is four years after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the authority under
14 subsection (i) of section 719 of title 31, United States
15 Code, as added by section 2 of this Act, shall terminate
16 and such subsection is repealed.

