

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3087
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 “Civil Rights Cold Case
3 Records Collection Reauthorization Act of 2026”.

**4 SEC. 2. CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITIES OF THE CIVIL
5 RIGHTS COLD CASE REVIEW BOARD.**

6 (a) CIVIL RIGHTS COLD CASE RECORDS REVIEW
7 BOARD PRESUMPTION OF RELEASE.—It is the sense of
8 Congress that all records of the Federal Government and
9 State and local governments concerning civil rights cold
10 cases should—

11 (1) carry a presumption of immediate disclo-
12 sure; and

13 (2) eventually be disclosed to enable the public
14 to become fully informed about the history sur-
15 rounding the cases.

16 (b) REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY
17 STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—Section 3 of the Civil
18 Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 (44

1 U.S.C. 2107 note; Public Law 115–426) is amended by
2 adding at the end the following:

3 “(i) REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY
4 STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—Upon request of a
5 State or local government to the Review Board, the Review
6 Board may reimburse the State or local government in full
7 for any expense incurred by the State or local government
8 for digitizing, photocopying, or mailing a civil rights cold
9 case record for the purpose of transmitting such record
10 to the Archivist for inclusion in the Collection.”.

11 (c) TRANSMISSION TO COLLECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS
12 COLD CASE RECORDS IN POSSESSION OF STATE OR
13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—Section 3(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Civil
14 Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 (44
15 U.S.C. 2107 note; Public Law 115–426) is amended by
16 striking “, except in the case of a State or local govern-
17 ment”.

18 (d) NO APPLICATION OF SECTION 552(B)(6) TO
19 CIVIL RIGHTS COLD CASE RECORDS ON OR BEFORE JAN-
20 UARY 1, 1990.—Section 9(a)(2) of the Civil Rights Cold
21 Case Records Collection Act of 2018 (44 U.S.C. 2107
22 note; Public Law 115–426) is amended by striking the pe-
23 riod at the end and inserting “, except in the case of infor-
24 mation contained in a civil rights cold case record created
25 on or before January 1, 1990.”.

1 **SEC. 3. CIVIL RIGHTS COLD CASE RECORDS REVIEW**
2 **BOARD EXTENSION OF TENURE.**

3 Section 5(n)(1) of Civil Rights Cold Case Records
4 Collection Act of 2018 (44 U.S.C. 2107 note; Public Law
5 115–426) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “7 years” and inserting “11
7 years”; and

8 (2) by striking “7-year period” and inserting
9 “11-year period”.

