

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1510

AN ACT

To amend the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 to strengthen the powers of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Civil Rights Cold Case
3 Records Collection Reauthorization Act”.

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

21 “(i) REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY
22 STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—Upon request of a
23 State or local government to the Review Board, the Review
24 Board may reimburse the State or local government in full
25 for any expense incurred by the State or local government
26 for digitizing, photocopying, or mailing a civil rights cold

1 case record for the purpose of transmitting such record
 2 to the Archivist for inclusion in the Collection.”.

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

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

18 **SEC. 3. CIVIL RIGHTS COLD CASE RECORDS REVIEW**
 19 **BOARD EXTENSION OF TENURE.**

20 Section 5(n)(1) of Civil Rights Cold Case Records
 21 Collection Act of 2018 (44 U.S.C. 2107 note; Public Law
 22 115–426) is amended—

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

3 (2) by striking “7-year period” and inserting
4 “11-year period”.

Passed the Senate December 15, 2025.

Attest:

Secretary.

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