

SENATE BILL 328

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-4-604 and Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to inspection of public records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-503(a)(7)(A), is amended by deleting the first sentence and substituting instead the following language:

A records custodian may require a written request to view a public record. A records custodian may assess a reasonable charge in producing the record for viewing if the records custodian incurs costs. A records custodian may require a request for copies of public records to be in writing or that the request be made on a form developed by the office of open records counsel.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-4-604(a)(1)(A), is amended by deleting the language “requesting copies of public records” and substituting instead the language “requesting inspection or copies of public records”.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-4-604(a)(1)(A)(ii), is amended by deleting subdivision (c).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-4-604(a)(1)(A), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(iii) The hours of labor involved in gathering the documents to produce for inspection and the cost of any copies required to produce the documents for inspection; provided, however, the first hour of labor costs and the first twenty-five (25) copies shall be free of charge.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.