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RE: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Hans:

The Revisor of Statutes within the Office of Legal Services is in receipt of your letter revising your earlier Public Records request. You are now requesting copies of the following records pursuant to Tennessee's Public Records Act:

- 1. All agreements and related amendments thereto dated or in effect from 2017 to the present between Tennessee and Lexis, Westlaw, or any other third-party service providers and/or their parents, subsidiaries, agents, successors, or assigns, relating to the drafting, preparation, or publication of the Tennessee Code Annotated.
- 2. Any and all transcripts, meeting minutes, agendas, memoranda, slide decks, or similar documents related to meetings of the Tennessee Code Commission from 2016 to the present. This should include any agendas or other documents created or received in preparation for the meetings and any minutes or other similar documents concerning the meetings.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-503(a) provides the following:

(2)(B) The custodian of a public record or the custodian's designee shall promptly make available for inspection any public record not specifically exempt from disclosure. In the event it is not practicable for the records to be promptly available for inspection, the custodian shall within seven (7) business day:

(i) Make such information available to the requestor;

(ii) Deny the request in writing or by completing a records request response form developed by the office of open records counsel. The response shall include the basis for the denial; or

(iii) Furnish the requestor a completed records request response form developed by the office of open records counsel stating the time reasonably necessary to produce such record or information.

Additionally, the Act provides that a "records custodian may require a requestor to pay the custodian's reasonable costs incurred in producing the requested material and to assess the reasonable costs in the manner established by the office of open records counsel pursuant to § 8-4-604." Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-503(a)(7)(B)(i).

The public records responsive to your request have been located and reviewed and copies have been made. In accordance with the Schedule of Reasonable Charges established by the Office of Open Records Counsel, please submit payment in the amount of \$422.35, made payable to the **State of Tennessee**, for the costs associated with producing copies of the requested records.

Search & Retrieval of Responsive Records (paper and electronic):	\$ 241.15
3.5 hours x \$ 77.02 (Revisor of Statutes)\$ 231.06.25 hours x \$ 40.38 (Legal Researcher)\$ 10.09	
Review of Responsive Records: \$169.23	\$ 169.23
3 hours x \$ 56.41 (Attorney)	
Scanning of paper records: \$ 6.97	\$ 6.97
.25 hours x \$27.91 (Administrative Assistant)	
Flash drive	\$ 5.00
Total:	\$422.34

Upon receipt of payment, copies of the requested public records will be provided to you on a flash drive.

Sincerely,

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JANET M. KLEINFELTER Deputy Attorney General