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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 on October 8, 2021, requesting copies of the following records pursuant to Tennessee's Public Records Act:

A copy of each electronic version of the most current Tennessee Code Annotated, reproduced in its entirety. Examples of such relevant versions include, but are not limited to, files in the following formats: Microsoft Word, XML, PDF, and any other editable document or database.

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.

Please be advised that the Revisor of Statutes does not an electronic version of the most current Tennessee Code Annotated *in its entirety*. Additionally, to the extent the Revisor of Statutes may have records concerning various sections of the most current Tennessee Code Annotated, such records are confidential work papers produced by the Revisor of Statutes in her capacity as staff to the Tennessee Code Commission and, therefore, are confidential pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-12-105.

Accordingly, we must respectfully deny your request.

Sincerely,

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