

SENATE BILL 1951

By Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10,
Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to the 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 language “or assess a charge.”

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-503(a)(2), is amended by adding a new subdivision (D) to read as follows:

(D) If the time that is reasonably required to perform the activities that are necessary to produce records pursuant to a request totals one (1) hour or longer, the records custodian may require the requestor to pay the custodian’s actual labor costs that are incurred in producing the requested material for inspection. For purposes of this subdivision, “labor cost” is defined as the base hourly wages of any employees whose labor is reasonably necessary to locate, retrieve, review, redact, and copy records that have been requested multiplied by the number of hours that the employees were engaged in any such activities while producing records pursuant to a request.

SECTION 3. This act shall be effective upon becoming the law, the public welfare requiring it.