SENATE BILL 3781

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, relative to public records act.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-503, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() All records of any local governmental entity shall be open for inspection as provided in subsection (a), provided that the party requesting such records is not a party or the party's attorney or agent to pending civil litigation wherein the local governmental entity is a named party. If a party or the party's attorney or agent to pending civil litigation wherein the local governmental entity is a named party requests records of the local governmental entity, then the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure governing discovery shall control such requests.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.