
Public Records Policy 1.500

The Background:

In March 2016, the General Assembly passed Public Chapter 722, which requires that no later than July 1, 2017, every governmental entity subject to the Tennessee Public Records Act to establish a public records policy covering the process for making and responding to public records requests. The public request policy must include the following:

1. The process for making requests to inspect public records or receive copies of public records and a copy of any required request form;
2. The process for responding to requests, including redaction practices;
3. A statement of any fees charged for copies of public records and the procedures for billing and payment; and
4. The name or title and the contact information of the individual or individuals within such governmental entity designated as the public records request coordinator.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-212 requires that the preparation of a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

Recommendation:

State Board staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.