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Subject: IG Assessment of Executive Branch agencies & public Higher Ed - 2017 Amended FOIA Law

Attachments: FOIA Review_LtGov.pdf

Lt. Governor Bryant:

I writing for your assistance.

The Office of the State Inspector General has initiated an assessment of the compliance among the state's Executive Branch agencies and public higher education FOIA Policy and Fees. Specifically, the state's FOIA laws were amended in 2017 and signed into law by Governor McMaster on 5/19/2017. One specific provision in the law requires a public body to post online the fee schedule for anyone seeking to obtain documents under FOIA.

My sampling group is comprised of 16 cabinet agencies, seven statewide elected office agencies, and ten 4-year public colleges/universities. Our initial review of the Office of the Lt. Governor's website did not identify its FOIA policy or fee schedule. We are already seeing a wide range of fees and policies among our sampling group.

Can you have your FOIA coordinator send to me the hyperlink to the policy and fee schedule for the Lt. Governor's Office?

If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thanks,

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