Public Records Requests Rule 0520-15-01-.08

The Background:

Public Chapter 712 of 2018 amended T.C.A. § 10-7-503 to require state governmental entities to promulgate rules regarding public records requests no later than January 1, 2019. To comply with this new law, the State Board promulgated Rule 0520-15-01, converting the State Board's Public Records Policy 1.500 into a rule in alignment with the law. During the rule review hearing before the Joint Government Operations Committee, the Committee requested the State Board make a small change to section .08 of the rule to clarify that photographs may be taken of records. Additionally, Section .03 of the rule is being updated to reflect the State Board of Education's new office address.

This item is on first and final reading due to the commitment of State Board staff to the Government Operations Committee that this change would be made without delay.

The Recommendation:

The State Board staff recommends approval of this item on first and final reading.