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January 26, 1990

Mr. W. N. Kirby
Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701-1494

Dear Mr. Kirby:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 7580; this decision is OR90-040.

The Texas Education Agency received a request for the identity of an individual who alleged that there were competitive bidding violations by the East Central Independent School District. You contend that this information is protected by the informer's privilege aspect of section 3(a)(1) of the Open Records Act. We have considered the exception you claimed, specifically section 3(a)(1), and reviewed the documents at issue. A previous determination of this office, Attorney General Opinion MW-575 (1982), a copy of which is enclosed, resolves your request. For this reason, you may withhold the identity of the complainant/informant.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-040.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Garrison".

Susan Garrison
Assistant Attorney General
Opinion Committee

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Enclosure: Attorney General Opinion MW-575 (1982)

cc: Honorable Jerry Beauchamp
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