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The Honorable Robert N. Barnes  
County Judge  
Nueces County Courthouse  
Corpus Christy, Texas 78401

Open Records Decision No. 67

Re: Does the Open Records Act require a governmental body to reveal the educational background and work experiences of its employees.

Dear Judge Barnes:

Pursuant to section 7 of the Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V. T. C. S. , you have requested our decision as to whether certain information is excepted from disclosure. The Nueces County Mental Health-Mental Retardation Community Center has received a request from the Corpus Christi Caller-Times for "the educational background and work experience of all employees of the MH-MR Community Center who have annual incomes of \$10,000 and over. "

The question is whether this information is excepted from disclosure under section 3(a)(2) of the Act which excepts". . . information in personnel files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy . . . ."

The right of privacy in Texas has been defined as:

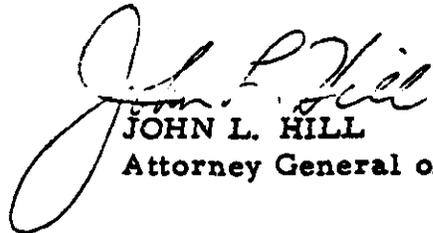
. . . the right to be free from the unwarranted appropriation or exploitation of one's personality, the publicizing of one's private affairs with which the public has no legitimate concern, or the wrongful intrusion into one's private activities in such manner as to outrage or cause mental suffering, shame or humiliation to a person of ordinary sensibilities. Billings v. Atkinson, 489 S. W. 2d 858, 859 (Tex. Sup. 1973).

The request is not specific but we assume that what is sought is the type of information normally found on a job interview form such as education level achieved, the type, date, and institution from which any degree has been obtained, and a brief description of prior employment including place, duration, and title or duties.

No samples of the information held by the agency have been provided and no special facts have been presented to indicate that disclosure of the type of information requested is "clearly unwarranted."

On the basis of the request as presented, we cannot say in this instance that the disclosure of the information requested "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" as required to exempt it from disclosure under section 3(a)(2).

Very truly yours,

  
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