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Dear Mr. Meitler:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 949251 (TEA PIR# 52093).

The Texas Education Agency (the "agency") received a request for specified training materials. Although you take no position regarding whether the submitted information is excepted from disclosure, you state its release may implicate the interests of the Texas School Safety Center (the "center").¹ Accordingly, you state, and provide documentation showing, you notified the center of the request and its right to submit arguments to this office. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (providing that interested party may submit written comments regarding why information should or should not be released).

As of the date of this letter, we have not received any comments from the center explaining why any portion of the submitted information should not be released to the requestor. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the agency must release the submitted information.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

¹ We note, and you acknowledge, the agency did not comply with section 552.301 of the Government Code in requesting this decision. *See* Gov't Code § 552.301(b). Nevertheless, because the interests of third parties can provide a compelling reason to overcome the presumption of openness, we will consider whether the submitted information must be withheld under the Act on those grounds. *See id.* §§ 552.007, .302, .352.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/members-public/what-expect-after-ruling-issued> or call the OAG's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Public Information Act may be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the OAG, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
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Third Party
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