

a state legislator representing the district in which the private citizen resides may submit information about the private citizen in writing to a committee under this chapter.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on April 4, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 20, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 586

S.B. No. 793

AN ACT

relating to newborn hearing screening.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 47.003, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A birthing facility, through a program certified by the department under Section 47.004, shall perform, either directly or through a *referral to another program certified under that section* [~~transfer agreement~~], a hearing screening for the identification of hearing loss on each newborn or infant born at the facility before the newborn or infant is discharged from the facility unless:

- (1) the parent declines the screening;
- (2) the newborn or infant is transferred to another facility before the screening is performed; [~~or~~]
- (3) the screening has previously been completed; *or*
- (4) *the newborn was discharged from the birthing facility not more than 10 hours after birth and a referral for the newborn was made to a program certified under Section 47.004 at another birthing facility or operated by a physician or other health care provider.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on April 11, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 134, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 587

S.B. No. 717

AN ACT

relating to consent by a minor to housing or care provided through a transitional living program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 32, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 32.203 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.203. CONSENT BY MINOR TO HOUSING OR CARE PROVIDED THROUGH TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "transitional living program"

means a residential services program for children provided in a residential child-care facility licensed or certified by the Department of Family and Protective Services under Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, that:

- (1) is designed to provide basic life skills training and the opportunity to practice those skills, with a goal of basic life skills development toward independent living; and
 - (2) is not an independent living program.
- (b) A minor may consent to housing or care provided to the minor or the minor's child or children, if any, through a transitional living program if the minor is:
- (1) 16 years of age or older and:
 - (A) resides separate and apart from the minor's parent, managing conservator, or guardian, regardless of whether the parent, managing conservator, or guardian consents to the residence and regardless of the duration of the residence; and
 - (B) manages the minor's own financial affairs, regardless of the source of income; or
 - (2) unmarried and is pregnant or is the parent of a child.
- (c) Consent by a minor to housing or care under this section is not subject to disaffirmance because of minority.
- (d) A transitional living program may, with or without the consent of the parent, managing conservator, or guardian, provide housing or care to the minor or the minor's child or children.
- (e) A transitional living program must attempt to notify the minor's parent, managing conservator, or guardian regarding the minor's location.
- (f) A transitional living program is not liable for providing housing or care to the minor or the minor's child or children if the minor consents as provided by this section, except that the program is liable for the program's own acts of negligence.
- (g) A transitional living program may rely on a minor's written statement containing the grounds on which the minor has capacity to consent to housing or care provided through the program.
- (h) To the extent of any conflict between this section and Section 32.003, Section 32.003 prevails.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on March 21, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 129, Nays 5, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 588

S.B. No. 630

AN ACT

relating to certain obligations of and limitations on residential landlords.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 92, Property Code, is amended by adding Section 92.024 to read as follows:

Sec. 92.024. LANDLORD'S DUTY TO PROVIDE COPY OF LEASE. (a) Not later than the third business day after the date the lease is signed by each party to the lease, a landlord shall provide at least one complete copy of the lease to at least one tenant who is a party to the lease.