CHAPTER 893

H.B. No. 1023

AN ACT

relating to recommendations by the Health and Human Services Commission or a designated health and human services agency regarding mental health workforce shortages.

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

SECTION 1. RECOMMENDATIONS ON MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE SHORTAGE. (a) The Health and Human Services Commission, or a health and human services agency designated by the commission, shall use existing information and data available through the commission, the Department of State Health Services, the statewide health coordinating council, and nongovernmental entities with expertise in mental health workforce issues to make recommendations regarding mental health workforce shortages in this state.

(b) Not later than September 1, 2014, the Health and Human Services Commission, or the health and human services agency designated by the commission, shall submit a report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the appropriate standing committees of the legislature that includes:

(1) specific recommendations to alleviate mental health workforce shortages in this state;

(2) an assessment of the feasibility of implementing each recommendation;

(3) the estimated costs and benefits of each recommendation; and

(4) the specific legislative action, if any, needed to implement each recommendation.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. 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 by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 133, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1023 on May 24, 2013: Yeas 142, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 894

H.B. No. 1035

AN ACT

relating to the filing of reports of political contributions and expenditures and of personal financial statements by certain officeholders and candidates.

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

SECTION 1. Section 254.036, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) In prescribing the format of a report filed under this chapter with an authority other than the commission, the commission shall ensure that:

(1) a report may be filed:

(A) by first class United States mail or common or contract carrier;

(B) by personal delivery; or

(C) by electronic filing, if the authority with whom the report is required to be filed has adopted rules and procedures to provide for the electronic filing of the report and the report is filed in accordance with those rules and procedures; and

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(2) an authority with whom a report is electronically filed issues an electronic receipt for the report to the person filing the report.

SECTION 2. Section 145.004, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(d) Except as provided in Subsection (g), the timeliness of the filing is governed by Section 572.029, Government Code.

(g) A person is considered to have timely filed a financial statement under this chapter if:

(1) the statement is personally delivered not later than 5 p.m. of the last day for filing the statement; or

(2) the clerk or secretary of the municipality with whom the statement is required to be filed has adopted rules and procedures to provide for the electronic filing of the statement and the statement is electronically filed in accordance with those rules and procedures not later than midnight of the last day for filing the statement.

SECTION 3. Section 159.004, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided in Subsection (e), the timeliness of the filing is governed by Section 572.029, Government Code.

(e) A person is considered to have timely filed a financial statement under this subchapter if:

(1) the statement is personally delivered not later than 5 p.m. of the last day for filing the statement; or

(2) the county clerk with whom the statement is required to be filed has adopted rules and procedures to provide for the electronic filing of the statement and the statement is electronically filed in accordance with those rules and procedures not later than midnight of the last day for filing the statement.

(f) A county clerk may adopt rules and procedures under this section relating only to the manner in which a person must electronically file a financial statement and the required format of an electronically filed statement.

SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 159, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 159.0341 to read as follows:

Sec. 159.0341. TIMELINESS OF FILING. (a) A person is considered to have timely filed a report under this subchapter if:

(1) the report is filed in accordance with Section 572.029, Government Code;

(2) the report is personally delivered not later than 5 p.m. of the last day for filing the report; or

(3) the officer with whom the report is required to be filed has adopted rules and procedures to provide for the electronic filing of the report and the report is electronically filed in accordance with those rules and procedures not later than midnight of the last day for filing the report.

(b) An officer with whom a report is required to be filed under this subchapter may adopt rules and procedures under this section relating only to the manner in which a person must electronically file a report and the required format of an electronically filed report.

SECTION 5. Section 159.053, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided in Subsection (c), the timeliness of the filing is governed by Section 572.029, Government Code.

(c) A person is considered to have timely filed a financial statement under this subchapter if:

(1) the statement is personally delivered not later than 5 p.m. of the last day for filing the statement; or

(2) the county clerk with whom the statement is required to be filed has adopted rules and procedures to provide for the electronic filing of the statement and the statement is electronically filed in accordance with those rules and procedures not later than midnight of the last day for filing the statement.
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of the last day for filing the statement.

SECTION 6. (a) Section 254.036, Election Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a
report required to be filed under Chapter 254, Election Code, that is due on or after January
1, 2014. A report required to be filed under Chapter 254, Election Code, that is due before
January 1, 2014, is governed by the law in effect on the date the report is due, and the former
law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(b) Section 145.004, Local Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a
financial statement required to be filed under Chapter 145, Local Government Code, that is
due on or after January 1, 2014. A financial statement required to be filed under Chapter
145, Local Government Code, that is due before January 1, 2014, is governed by the law in
effect on the date the financial statement is due, and the former law is continued in effect for
that purpose.

(c) The changes in law made by this Act to Chapter 159, Local Government Code, apply
only to a financial statement or report required to be filed under that chapter that is due on
or after January 1, 2014. A financial statement or report required to be filed under Chapter
159, Local Government Code, that is due before January 1, 2014, is governed by the law in
effect on the date the financial statement or report is due, and the former law is continued in
effect for that purpose.

SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 17, 2013: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the
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140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May
20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 895
H.B. No. 1044
AN ACT
relating to the operation of all-terrain vehicles and recreational off-highway vehicles; creating an
offense.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63.002, Natural Resources Code, is amended by amending Subdivi-
sion (4) and adding Subdivisions (4-a) and (4-b) to read as follows:

(4) "Recreational vehicle" means a dune buggy, marsh buggy, minibike, trail bike, jeep,
all-terrain vehicle, recreational off-highway vehicle, or any other mechanized vehicle that is
being used for recreational purposes, but does not include a [any] vehicle that is not being
used for recreational purposes.

(4-a) "All-terrain vehicle" has the meaning assigned by Section 502.001, Transportation
Code.  
(4-b) "Recreational off-highway vehicle" has the meaning assigned by Section 502.001,
Transportation Code.

SECTION 2. Section 29.001, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 29.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "off-highway vehicle" means:
(1) an all-terrain vehicle, as defined by Section 502.001 [662.001], Transportation Code;
(2) an off-highway motorcycle;
(3) a recreational off-highway vehicle, as defined by Section 502.001, Transportation
Code; and