CHAPTER 661

H.B. No. 1174

AN ACT
relating to the penalties for illegally passing a stopped school bus.

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

SECTION 1. Section 545.066(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than $500 or more than $1,250, except that the offense is:

1. a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than $1,000 or more than $2,000 if the person is convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section committed within five years of the date on which the most recent preceding offense was committed;

2. a Class A misdemeanor if the person causes serious bodily injury to another; or

3. a state jail felony if the person has been previously convicted under Subdivision (2).

SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after September 1, 2013.

(b) An offense committed before September 1, 2013, is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this subsection, an offense was committed before September 1, 2013, if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 10, 2013: Yeas 133, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 662

H.B. No. 1245

AN ACT
relating to the allocation of money in the judicial and court personnel training fund.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56.004, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) The legislature shall appropriate funds from the judicial and court personnel training fund to the court of criminal appeals to provide for:

1. continuing legal education, technical assistance, and other support programs for prosecuting attorneys and their personnel, criminal defense attorneys who regularly represent indigent defendants in criminal matters and their personnel, and justices of the peace and their court personnel; and

2. innocence training programs for law enforcement officers, law students, and other participants.

(c) An allocation of funds to provide for continuing legal education, technical assistance, and other support programs for the personnel of criminal defense attorneys who regularly represent indigent defendants in criminal matters as described by Subsection (b)(1) must come from the grant of legal funds made by the court of criminal appeals under Section 56.003.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2014.

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