CHAPTER 1131

H.B. No. 1487

AN ACT
relating to the Internet posting of certain information regarding state grants.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 403, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 403.0245 to read as follows:

Sec. 403.0245. AVAILABILITY ON INTERNET OF CERTAIN INFORMATION ON STATE GRANTS. (a) In this section, "state agency" has the meaning assigned by Section 403.013.

(b) A state agency that awards a state grant in an amount greater than $25,000 shall make available to the public on the agency's generally accessible Internet website the purposes for which the grant was awarded. The agency shall provide to the comptroller a link to the information in order for the comptroller to maintain the information on the comptroller's Internet website through a central Internet portal.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1487 on May 23, 2013: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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

CHAPTER 1132

H.B. No. 1741

AN ACT
relating to requiring child safety alarms in certain vehicles used by child-care facilities to transport children.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 42.0424 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.0424. CHILD SAFETY ALARMS IN VEHICLES. (a) In this section, "electronic child safety alarm" means an alarm system that prompts the driver of a vehicle to inspect the vehicle to determine whether children are in the vehicle before the driver exits the vehicle.

(b) A licensed day-care center shall equip each vehicle owned or leased by the facility with an electronic child safety alarm if the vehicle is:

(1) designed to seat eight or more persons; and
(2) used to transport children under the care of the facility.

(c) The licensed day-care center shall ensure that the electronic child safety alarm is properly maintained and used when transporting children.

(d) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

(e) This section applies only to a vehicle purchased or leased on or after December 31, 2013.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect December 31, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 133, Nays 10, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1741 on May 23, 2013: Yeas 2701