CHAPTER 974
H.B. No. 2000
AN ACT
relating to the qualification of certain nonprofit schools and educational institutions for exemption from state laws regulating career schools and colleges and to complaints made against those entities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 132.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d-1), (h), (i), (j), and (k) to read as follows:

(d-1) A school or educational institution exempted from this chapter is authorized to offer training in this state allowed by the exemption.

(h) A school or educational institution that participates or intends to participate in student financial aid programs under Title IV, Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Section 1070 et seq.), may not be exempted from this chapter by the commission on the basis of Subsection (a)(2) unless the school or institution demonstrates to the commission that:

(1) either:

(A) the school or institution is accredited by a regional or national accrediting organization recognized by the United States secretary of education; or

(B) the school or institution, or the primary campus of the school or institution, has been operating continuously in this state for at least 20 years in compliance with state career school regulatory requirements, regardless of the amount of time the current owner has owned the school or institution; or

(2) the school or institution:

(A) is owned, controlled, operated, and maintained by a religious organization lawfully operating as a nonprofit religious corporation; and

(B) awards only degrees or certificates relating to religion, including a certificate of Talmudic studies, an associate of biblical studies degree, a master of divinity degree, or a doctor of divinity degree.

(i) For purposes of Subsection (h)(1)(B), “primary campus” means, for two or more schools or educational institutions that are owned and operated by the same owner, the school or educational institution designated by the owner as the main or principal campus.

(j) A school or educational institution may demonstrate compliance with Subsection (h):

(1) through the application process under Subsection (d); or

(2) if the school or institution has previously been granted an exemption from this chapter and the most recent exemption was granted before June 30, 2013, by an affidavit submitted to the commission by the owner of the school or institution.

(k) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall take appropriate action, including by making appropriate referrals to an accrediting agency or to the attorney general, to address any complaint received by the coordinating board from a student or prospective student of a school or institution to which Subsection (h) applies that is:

(1) exempted from this chapter on the basis of Subsection (a)(2); and

(2) subject to regulation by the coordinating board.

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.
CHAPTER 975

H.B. No. 2020

AN ACT relating to the adoption of wellness policies and programs by state agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 664.053(e), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) A state agency may:

(1) develop a wellness program designed to increase work productivity and capacity and
reduce health insurance costs; or

(2) implement a wellness program based on the model program or components of the
model program developed under this section.

SECTION 2. Section 664.061, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 664.061. AGENCY WELLNESS POLICIES. (a) A state agency may:

(1) allow each employee 30 minutes during normal working hours for exercise three
times each week;

(2) allow all employees to attend on-site wellness seminars when offered; [and]

(3) provide eight hours of additional leave time each year to an employee who:

(A) receives a physical examination; and

(B) completes either an online health risk assessment tool provided by the board or a
similar health risk assessment conducted in person by a worksite wellness coordinator;

(4) provide financial incentives, notwithstanding Section 2113.201, for participation in
a wellness program developed under Section 664.053(e) after the agency establishes a
written policy with objective criteria for providing the incentives;

(5) offer on-site clinic or pharmacy services in accordance with Subtitles B and J, Title
3, Occupations Code, including the requirements regarding delegation of certain medical
acts under Chapter 157, Occupations Code; and

(6) adopt additional wellness policies, as determined by the agency.

(b) In addition to the requirements of Section 2254.003, in awarding a contract for on-site
clinic services as provided by Subsection (a)(5), a state agency may consider whether the on-
site clinic services will be provided by a physician-led organization that has its principal
place of business in this state.

SECTION 3. 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 May 3, 2013: Yeas 135, Nays 9, 1 present, not voting; the
House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2020 on May 21, 2013: Yeas
135, Nays 10, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on
May 17, 2013: Yeas 25, Nays 5.

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