relating to the transitional living services program for certain youth in foster care.

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

SECTION 1. Section 264.121, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a-i) and (f) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(a-i) The department shall require a foster care provider to provide or assist youth who are age 14 or older in obtaining experiential life-skills training to improve their transition to independent living. Experiential life-skills training must be tailored to a youth's skills and abilities and must include training in practical activities that include grocery shopping, meal preparation and cooking, [using public transportation,] performing basic household tasks, [and] balancing a checkbook, and, when appropriate, using public transportation.

(f) The department shall require a person with whom the department contracts for transitional living services for foster youth to provide or assist youth in obtaining:

1. housing services;
2. job training and employment services;
3. college preparation services;
4. services that will assist youth in obtaining a general education development certificate; [and]
5. services that will assist youth in developing skills in food preparation;
6. nutrition education that promotes healthy food choices; and
7. [any other appropriate transitional living service identified by the department.] any other appropriate transitional living service identified by the department.

(g) An entity with which the department contracts for transitional living services for foster youth shall, when appropriate, partner with a community-based organization to assist the entity in providing the transitional living services.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a person who enters into a contract with the Department of Family and Protective Services to provide transitional living services for foster youth on or after the effective date of this Act.

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 2, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 343

H.B. No. 2127

AN ACT
relating to the eligibility of certain employees of public institutions of higher education to participate in a state group benefits program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1551.1021, Insurance Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

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(a) An adjunct faculty member at a public institution of higher education is eligible to participate in the group benefits program as an employee if the faculty member:

(1) receives compensation for services rendered to a public institution of higher education as an adjunct faculty member;

(2) was employed as a faculty member by the same public institution of higher education and taught at least one course in the regular fall and spring semester at the public institution of higher education in the preceding three academic years; and

(3) is under contract or is scheduled to teach at least 12 semester credit hours in the academic year of coverage or, if the person is also employed by the public institution of higher education to perform nonteaching duties, is under contract or is scheduled to teach at least six semester credit hours in the academic year of coverage and has been approved by the public institution of higher education to participate in the group benefits program.

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a)(3), an adjunct faculty member at a public institution of higher education who is a professional librarian is eligible to participate in the group benefits program as an employee if the faculty member receives compensation for services rendered to a public institution of higher education as an adjunct faculty member.

SECTION 2. The board of trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas shall include coverage under Section 1551.1021, Insurance Code, as amended by this Act, in an insurance policy or contract or evidence of coverage delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2014. The board of trustees may include coverage under Section 1551.1021, Insurance Code, as amended by this Act, in an insurance policy or contract or an evidence of coverage delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2014, if the board of trustees determines that the coverage may reasonably be included.

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

Passed by the House on May 4, 2013: Yeas 116, Nays 12, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 23, Nays 7.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 344
H.B. No. 2137
AN ACT relating to eligibility of certain persons for enrollment in school district summer school courses.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 25, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 25.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 25.008. ENROLLMENT IN SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE BY PERSON NOT ENROLLED IN DISTRICT. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a school district shall permit a person who is eligible under Section 25.001 to attend school in the district but who is not enrolled in school in the district to enroll in a district summer school course on the same basis as a district student, including:

(1) satisfaction of any course eligibility requirement; and

(2) payment of any fee authorized under Section 11.158 that is charged in connection with the course.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to enrollment in a program under Section 29.088, 29.090, or 29.098 or in a similar intensive program.

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