(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 academic year; 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 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.
CHAPTER 345
H.B. No. 2139
AN ACT relating to the authority of the Near Northside Management District to undertake tax increment financing.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 3905, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 3905.155 to read as follows:

Sec. 3905.155. TAX INCREMENT FINANCING POWERS. (a) The district may designate all or any part of the district as a tax increment reinvestment zone. The district may use tax increment financing under Chapter 311, Tax Code, in the manner provided by that chapter for a municipality, except as modified by this section.

(b) The district has all powers provided under Chapter 311, Tax Code.

(c) The district and an overlapping taxing unit may enter into an interlocal agreement for the payment of all or a portion of the tax increment of the unit to the district.

(d) For the purpose of tax increment financing under this section, the board functions as the board of directors of the reinvestment zone. Section 311.009, Tax Code, does not apply to the district.

SECTION 2. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

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 14, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.