CHAPTER 109. COMPUTER TECHNICIANS REQUIRED TO REPORT CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Sec. 109.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) “Child pornography” means an image of a child engaging in sexual conduct or sexual performance.

(2) “Commercial mobile service provider” has the meaning assigned by Section 64.201, Utilities Code.

(3) “Computer technician” means an individual who in the course and scope of employment or business installs, repairs, or otherwise services a computer for a fee.

(4) “Information service provider” includes an Internet service provider and hosting service provider.

(5) “Sexual conduct” and “sexual performance” have the meanings assigned by Section 43.25, Penal Code.

(6) “Telecommunications provider” has the meaning assigned by Section 51.002, Utilities Code.

Sec. 109.002. REPORTING OF IMAGES OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. (a) A computer technician who, in the course and scope of employment or business, views an image on a computer that is or appears to be child pornography shall immediately report the discovery of the image to a local or state law enforcement agency or the Cyber Tipline at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The report must include the name and address of the owner or person claiming a right to possession of the computer, if known, and as permitted by federal law.

(b) Except in a case of wilful or wanton misconduct, a computer technician may not be held liable in a civil action for reporting or failing to report the discovery of an image under Subsection (a).

(c) A telecommunications provider, commercial mobile service provider, or information service provider may not be held liable under this chapter for the failure to report child pornography that is transmitted or stored by a user of the service.

Sec. 109.003. CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) A person who intentionally fails to report an image in violation of this chapter commits an offense. An offense under this subsection is a Class B misdemeanor.

(b) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the actor did not report the discovery of an image of child pornography because the child in the image appeared to be at least 18 years of age.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.
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CHAPTER 1014

H.B. No. 2549

AN ACT
relating to the periodic review and revision of college and career readiness standards in public education.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 28.008(b) and (c), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The vertical teams shall:
(1) recommend for approval by the commissioner of education and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board college readiness standards and expectations that address what students must know and be able to do to succeed in entry-level courses offered at institutions of higher education;

(2) evaluate whether the high school curriculum requirements under Section 28.002 and other instructional requirements serve to prepare students to successfully perform college-level course work;

(3) recommend how the public school curriculum requirements can be aligned with college readiness standards and expectations;

(4) develop instructional strategies for teaching courses to prepare students to successfully perform college-level course work; [and]

(5) develop or establish minimum standards for curricula, professional development materials, and online support materials in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies, designed for students who need additional assistance in preparing to successfully perform college-level course work; and

(6) periodically review and revise the college readiness standards and expectations developed under Subdivision (1) and recommend revised standards for approval by the commissioner of education and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(c) The commissioner of education and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by rule shall:

(1) establish the composition and duties of the vertical teams established under this section; and

(2) establish a schedule for the periodic review required under Subsection (b)(6), giving consideration to the cycle of review and identification under Section 28.002 of the essential knowledge and skills of subjects of the required curriculum.

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.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 1015

H.B. No. 2550

AN ACT
relating to the consolidation of the Higher Education Enrollment Assistance Program and the Higher Education Assistance Plan and the transfer of certain enrollment assistance duties to institutions of higher education and to measures to enhance medical education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter U, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.810 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.810. HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PLANS. (a) In this section:

(1) “Coordinating board” means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(2) “Institution of higher education” and “private or independent institution of higher education” have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) The institution of higher education in closest geographic proximity to a public high school in this state identified by the coordinating board for purposes of this section as...