(b) Coverage required under this section may be subject to deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, or annual or maximum amount limits that are consistent with the deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, or annual or maximum amount limits applicable to other medical conditions for which coverage is provided under the small employer health benefit plan.

SECTION 5. Section 1352.007, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(c) The issuer of a health benefit plan, including a preferred provider benefit plan or health maintenance organization plan, that contracts with or approves admission to a service provider under this chapter may not, solely because a facility is licensed by this state as an assisted living facility, refuse to contract with or approve admission to that facility to provide services that are:

(1) required under this chapter;
(2) within the scope of the license of an assisted living facility; and
(3) within the scope of the services provided under a CARF-accredited rehabilitation program for brain injury or another nationally recognized accredited rehabilitation program for brain injury.

(d) The issuer of a health benefit plan that requires or encourages insureds or enrollees to use health care providers designated by the plan shall ensure that the services required by this chapter that are within the scope of the license of an assisted living facility and that may be provided under a program described by Subsection (c)(3) are made available and accessible to the insureds or enrollees at an adequate number of assisted living facilities.

(e) A health benefit plan may not treat care provided in accordance with this chapter as custodial care solely because it is provided by an assisted living facility if the facility holds a CARF accreditation or other nationally recognized accreditation for a rehabilitation program for brain injury.

(f) To ensure the health and safety of insureds and enrollees, the commissioner may require that a licensed assisted living facility that provides covered post-acute care other than custodial care under this chapter to an insured or enrollee with acquired brain injury hold a CARF accreditation or other nationally recognized accreditation for a rehabilitation program for brain injury.

SECTION 6. Chapter 1352, Insurance Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2014. A health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2014, is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2013: Yeas 145, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 22, Nays 8.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 371
H.B. No. 2952

AN ACT
relating to the period of time allowed for issuance of decisions by the commissioner of education in certain appeals against school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7.057(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) In an appeal against a school district, the commissioner shall, not later than the 210th day after the date the appeal is filed, issue a decision based on a review of the record upon which the decision will be based.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:
developed at the district level under a substantial evidence standard of review. The parties to the appeal may agree in writing to extend, by not more than 60 days, the date by which the commissioner must issue a decision under this subsection. A school district’s disclosure of the record to the commissioner under this subsection is not an offense under Section 551.146, Government Code.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an appeal filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An appeal filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the appeal was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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 9, 2013: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 372
H.B. No. 3031
AN ACT
relating to fare enforcement officers for metropolitan rapid transit authorities.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 451.0612, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 451.0612. FARE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS [IN CERTAIN AUTHORITIES].

SECTION 2. Section 451.0612(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An authority [confirmed before July 1, 1985, in which the principal municipality has a population less than 850,000] may employ persons to serve as fare enforcement officers to enforce the payment of fares for use of the public transportation system by:

(1) requesting and inspecting evidence showing payment of the appropriate fare from a person using the public transportation system; and

(2) issuing a citation to a person described by Section 451.0611(d)(1).

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

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 135, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 373
H.B. No. 3064
AN ACT
relating to the disposition of unclaimed cremated remains of certain veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 8, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 696 to read as follows:

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