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 of 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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CHAPTER 696. DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED CREMATED REMAINS

Sec. 696.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Verification information" means data required by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to verify whether a person is a veteran or a veteran's dependent eligible for burial in a veterans cemetery, including a copy of the person's death certificate and the person's name, service number, social security number, date of birth, date of death, and place of birth.

(2) "Veterans' service organization" means:

(A) a veterans' organization that is chartered by the United States Congress;

(B) a veterans' service organization recognized by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or

(C) a veterans' service organization that is organized for verifying whether a person is a veteran or a veteran's dependent and providing for interment of veterans and their dependents and that is exempt from the payment of federal income taxes under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by being listed as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of that code.

Sec. 696.002. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies to any person who possesses unclaimed cremated remains, including a funeral establishment or funeral director licensed under Chapter 651, Occupations Code, a coroner, or a crematory.

Sec. 696.003. AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION. A person who possesses unclaimed cremated remains may release to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or a veterans' service organization verification information associated with the remains to verify whether the remains are the remains of a person who was a veteran or a veteran's dependent eligible to be interred in a veterans cemetery if:

(1) the person has possessed the cremated remains for at least five years;

(2) the person authorized to dispose of the decedent's remains under Section 711.002 has not claimed the cremated remains; and

(3) the person made a reasonable effort to locate a relative of the decedent to claim the remains, including publishing notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the person is located, and more than 30 days have passed since the person first made an effort to locate a relative of the decedent.

Sec. 696.004. TRANSFER OF UNCLAIMED CREMATED REMAINS. A person who receives notice from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or a veterans' service organization verification information associated with the remains to verify whether the remains are the remains of a person who was a veteran or a veteran's dependent eligible to be interred in a veterans cemetery may:

(1) transport the cremated remains to the veterans cemetery for burial; or

(2) transfer the cremated remains to a veterans' service organization that will ensure that the cremated remains are interred in a veterans cemetery.

Sec. 696.005. CIVIL IMMUNITY. (a) A person who releases verification information as authorized by this chapter or who transfers cremated remains to a veterans' service organization or a veterans cemetery as authorized by this chapter is immune from civil liability for damages resulting from the release or transfer.

(b) A veterans' service organization that inter cremated remains in a veterans cemetery as authorized by this chapter is immune from civil liability for damages arising from the interment.

SECTION 2. Subchapter I, Chapter 651, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 651.410 to read as follows:

Sec. 651.410. AUTHORIZED RELEASE OF INFORMATION. Nothing in this chapter prohibits a funeral director or establishment from releasing information under Chapter 696, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 1305.153, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) to read as follows:

(f) If, for the purposes of credentialing and contracting with health care providers on behalf of the certified network, a person is serving as both a management contractor under Section 1305.102 or a third party to which the network delegates a function and as an agent of the health care provider, the contract between the management contractor or third party and the health care provider must specify:

1. the certified network's contract rate for health care services; and
2. the amount of reimbursement the health care provider will be paid after the health care provider agent's fee for providing administrative services is applied.

(g) If a management contractor or third party to which the network delegates a function is serving as an agent for health care providers in the certified network, the management contractor or third party must disclose that relationship in its contract with the certified network.

(h) A contract described by Subsection (f), or a contract between a management contractor or third party to which the network delegates a function and a certified network, must comply with the requirements of this chapter.

(i) If a contract described by Subsection (f) complies with the requirements of this chapter, the health care provider shall be reimbursed in accordance with the terms of the contract. If a contract described by Subsection (f) does not comply with the requirements of this chapter, the health care provider shall be reimbursed in accordance with the certified network's contracted rate.

(j) A certified network, management contractor, or third party to which the network delegates a function may not require a health care provider, as a condition for contracting with the certified network, to utilize as a health care provider agent the management contractor or the third party.

SECTION 2. With respect to a contract between a health care provider and a network, management contractor, or third party to which the network delegates a function, the change in law made by this Act applies only to a contract entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract entered into or renewed before the effective date of this Act 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 3. With respect to a contract between a certified network and a management contractor or third party to which the network delegates a function, the change in law made by this Act applies to a contract that is in effect on the effective date of this Act or entered into on or after that date.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.