relating to activities conducted in connection with a state or federal disease control or eradication program for animals.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 161, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 161.0417 to read as follows:

Sec. 161.0417. AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL FOR DISEASE CONTROL. (a) A person, including a veterinarian, must be authorized by the commission in order to engage in an activity that is part of a state or federal disease control or eradication program for animals.

(b) The commission shall adopt rules for the authorization of a person described by Subsection (a).

(c) The commission may, after reasonable notice, suspend or revoke a person's authorization under Subsection (a) if the commission determines that the person has substantially failed to comply with this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

(d) A person is entitled to a hearing before the commission or a hearing examiner appointed by the commission before the commission may revoke the person's authorization under Subsection (a). The commission shall make all final decisions to suspend or revoke an authorization.

(e) This section does not affect the requirement for a license or an exemption under Chapter 801, Occupations Code, to practice veterinary medicine.

SECTION 2. Section 161.0601(a), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission by rule may provide for the issuance, including electronically, of a certificate of veterinary inspection by a veterinarian to a person transporting livestock, exotic livestock, domestic fowl, or exotic fowl.

SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas Animal Health Commission shall adopt rules as required by Section 161.0417, Agriculture Code, as added by this Act.

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

Passed by the House on May 9, 2013: Yeas 136, Nays 5; the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3569 on May 24, 2013, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 3569 on May 26, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 1; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 3569 on May 26, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 1091

H.B. No. 3573

AN ACT
relating to the requirements for obtaining a health science technology education teaching certificate and to the scope of courses a person may teach holding a technology applications teaching certificate.

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

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SECTION 1. Section 21.044, Education Code, as amended by Chapters 635 (S.B. 866) and 926 (S.B. 1620), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.044. EDUCATOR PREPARATION. (a) The board shall propose rules establishing the training requirements a person must accomplish to obtain a certificate, enter an internship, or enter an induction-year program. The board shall specify the minimum academic qualifications required for a certificate.

(b) Any minimum academic qualifications for a certificate specified under Subsection (a) that require a person to possess a bachelor's degree must also require that the person receive, as part of the curriculum for that degree, instruction in detection and education of students with dyslexia. This subsection does not apply to a person who obtains a certificate through an alternative certification program adopted under Section 21.049.

(c) The instruction under Subsection (b) must:

(1) be developed by a panel of experts in the diagnosis and treatment of dyslexia who are:

(A) employed by institutions of higher education; and

(B) approved by the board; and

(2) include information on:

(A) characteristics of dyslexia;

(B) identification of dyslexia; and

(C) effective, multisensory strategies for teaching students with dyslexia.

(d) In proposing rules under this section, the board shall specify that to obtain a certificate to teach an "applied STEM course," as that term is defined by Section 28.027, at a secondary school, a person must:

(1) pass the certification test administered by the recognized national or international business and industry group that created the curriculum the applied STEM course is based on; and

(2) have at a minimum:

(A) an associate degree from an accredited institution of higher education; and

(B) three years of work experience in an occupation for which the applied STEM course is intended to prepare the student.

(e) In proposing rules under this section for a person to obtain a certificate to teach a health science technology education course, the board shall specify that a person must have:

(1) an associate degree or more advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education;

(2) current licensure, certification, or registration as a health professions practitioner issued by a nationally recognized accrediting agency for health professionals; and

(3) at least two years of wage earning experience utilizing the licensure requirement.

(f) The board may not propose rules for a certificate to teach a health science technology education course that specify that a person must have a bachelor's degree or that establish any other credential or teaching experience requirements that exceed the requirements under Subsection (e).

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.0486 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.0486. TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS CERTIFICATION. A person who holds a technology applications certificate issued under this subchapter may, in addition to teaching technology applications courses as authorized under the certificate, teach courses in:

(1) principles of arts, audio/video technology, and communications; and

(2) principles of information technology.
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 8, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 1092

H.B. No. 3578

AN ACT

relating to the allocation and transfer of money from the capital access fund by the Texas Economic Development Bank.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter BB, Chapter 481, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 481.415 to read as follows:

Sec. 481.415. ALLOCATION AND TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM CAPITAL ACCESS FUND. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the bank may allocate money held in or due to the capital access fund to programs administered by the bank under Section 489.108 or Subchapter D, Chapter 489. The bank may transfer money from the capital access fund to the Texas product development fund or the Texas small business incubator fund.

(b) Notwithstanding Subchapter D, Chapter 489, the bank may use money transferred under Subsection (a) to make loans to small or medium-sized businesses, governmental entities, or nonprofit organizations. A business, governmental entity, or nonprofit organization that receives a loan under this subsection may:

(1) use the money for any project, activity, or enterprise in this state that fosters economic development; or

(2) hold the money in a reserve account created as a condition of the extension of the loan.

SECTION 2. Section 489.211(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The product fund is composed of proceeds of bonds issued under this subchapter, financing application fees, loan repayments, guarantee fees, royalty receipts, dividend income, money appropriated by the legislature for authorized purposes of the product fund, amounts received by the state from loans, loan guarantees, and equity investments made under this subchapter, amounts received by the state from federal grants or other sources, amounts transferred from the capital access fund under Section 481.415, and any other amounts received under this subchapter and required by the bank to be deposited in the product fund. The product fund contains a program account, an interest and sinking account, and other accounts that the bank authorizes to be created and maintained. Money in the product fund is available for use by the board under this subchapter. Investment earnings under the product fund must be transferred to the fund created under Section 489.105. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, any money in the product fund may be used for debt service.

SECTION 3. Section 489.212(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The small business fund is composed of proceeds of bonds issued under this subchapter, financing application fees, loan repayments, guarantee fees, royalty receipts, dividend income, money appropriated by the legislature for authorized purposes of the small business fund, amounts received by the state from loans, loan guarantees, and equity investments made under this subchapter, amounts received by the state from federal grants or other sources,