CHAPTER 250
H.B. No. 480

AN ACT
relating to the use of sick leave by state employees who are attending educational activities of their children.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 661.206, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 661.206. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES [PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE]: USE OF SICK LEAVE.

SECTION 2. Sections 661.206(b), (c), and (d), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) An employee may use up to eight hours of sick leave each fiscal year to attend educational activities of [parent-teacher conference sessions for] the employee's children.

(c) An employee shall give reasonable advance notice of the employee's intention to use the sick leave to attend an educational activity [a parent-teacher conference].

(d) In this section:

(1) “Educational activity” means a school-sponsored activity, including a parent-teacher conference, tutoring, a volunteer program, a field trip, a classroom program, a school committee meeting, an academic competition, and an athletic, music, or theater program.

(2) “Employee” has the meaning assigned by Section 661.001.

(3) “Parent” means a person standing in parental relation.

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 April 25, 2013: Yeas 129, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 251
H.B. No. 485

AN ACT
relating to the amount of the fees paid by certain peace officers, correctional officers, members of the state military forces, and veterans of the armed forces for a license to carry a concealed handgun and to the issuance of such a license to certain peace officers and members of the state military forces; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 411.1951(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, if the applicant [the department shall reduce by 50 percent any fee required for the issuance of an original, duplicate, modified, or renewed license under this subchapter if the applicant for the license] is a veteran who, more than 365 days preceding the date of the application, was honorably discharged from the branch of the service in which the applicant [person] served:

(1) the applicant must pay a fee of $25 for the issuance of an original or renewed license under this subchapter, and
§ 1. (2) the department shall reduce by 50 percent any fee required of the applicant for a duplicate or modified license under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.1952 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1952. REDUCTION OF FEES FOR EMPLOYEES OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, an applicant who is a correctional officer of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall pay a fee of $25 for the issuance of an original or renewed license under this subchapter.

SECTION 3. The heading to Section 411.1991, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1991. PEACE OFFICERS.

SECTION 4. Section 411.1991(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person who is licensed as a peace officer under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, and is employed as a peace officer by a law enforcement agency, or a member of the Texas military forces, excluding Texas State Guard members who are serving in the Texas Legislature, may apply for a license under this subchapter. The person shall submit to the department two complete sets of legible and classifiable fingerprints and a sworn statement of the head of the law enforcement agency employing the applicant. A head of a law enforcement agency may not refuse to issue a statement under this subsection. If the applicant alleges that the statement is untrue, the department shall investigate the validity of the statement. The statement must include:

(1) the name and rank of the applicant;
(2) whether the applicant has been accused of misconduct at any time during the applicant's period of employment with the agency and the disposition of that accusation;
(3) a description of the physical and mental condition of the applicant;
(4) a list of the types of weapons the applicant has demonstrated proficiency with during the preceding year; and
(5) a recommendation from the agency head that a license be issued to the person under this subchapter.

SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an applicant for an original, renewed, duplicate, or modified license under Chapter 411, Government Code, as amended by this Act, who submits the application on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2013: Yeas 136, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

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

CHAPTER 252

H.B. No. 511

AN ACT

relating to the registration of token trailers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.0023, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d) A license plate issued under this section:

(1) may, on request of the owner, include the name or logo of the business entity that owns the vehicle;