CHAPTER 274

H.B. No. 799

AN ACT
relating to vocational training programs provided by the Windham School District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 19.004(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The district shall:

(1) develop educational programs specifically designed for persons eligible under Section 19.005 and ensure that those programs, such as GED and ESL, are integrated with an applied vocational context leading to employment;

(1-a) develop vocational training programs specifically designed for persons eligible under Section 19.005 and prioritize the programs that result in certification or licensure, considering the impact that a previous felony conviction has on the ability to secure certification, licensure, and employment;

(1-b) continually assess job markets in this state and update, augment, and expand the vocational training programs developed under Subdivision (1-a) as necessary to provide relevant and marketable skills to students; and

(2) coordinate educational programs and services in the department with those provided by other state agencies, by political subdivisions, and by persons who provide programs and services under contract.

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

Passed by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 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 275

H.B. No. 802

AN ACT
relating to the definition of an authorized emergency vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. Section 541.201(1), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) “Authorized emergency vehicle” means:

(A) a fire department or police vehicle;

(B) a public or private ambulance operated by a person who has been issued a license by the [Texass] Department of State Health Services;

(C) a municipal department or public service corporation emergency vehicle that has been designated or authorized by the governing body of a municipality;

(D) a county-owned or county-leased emergency management vehicle that has been designated or authorized by the commissioners court;

(E) [(D)] a private vehicle of a volunteer firefighter or a certified emergency medical services employee or volunteer when responding to a fire alarm or medical emergency;

(F) [(E)] an industrial emergency response vehicle, including an industrial ambulance, when responding to an emergency, but only if the vehicle is operated in compliance with criteria in effect September 1, 1989, and established by the predecessor of the Texas
Industrial Emergency Services Board of the State Firemen’s and Fire Marshals’ Association of Texas;

(G) [(F)] a vehicle of a blood bank or tissue bank, accredited or approved under the laws of this state or the United States, when making emergency deliveries of blood, drugs, medicines, or organs; or

(H) [(G)] a vehicle used for law enforcement purposes that is owned or leased by a federal governmental entity.

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 April 3, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 276

H.B. No. 808

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a psychologist to delegate the provision of certain care to a person under the psychologist’s supervision, including a person training to become a psychologist.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 501, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. PRACTICE BY PSYCHOLOGIST

Sec. 501.351. GENERAL AUTHORITY TO DELEGATE. (a) A psychologist licensed under this chapter may delegate to a provisionally licensed psychologist, a newly licensed psychologist who is not eligible for managed care panels, a person who holds a temporary license issued under Section 501.263, and a person who satisfies Section 501.255(a) and is in the process of acquiring the supervised experience required by Section 501.252(b)(2) any psychological test or service that a reasonable and prudent psychologist could delegate within the scope of sound psychological judgment if the psychologist determines that:

(1) the test or service can be properly and safely performed by the person;

(2) the person does not represent to the public that the person is authorized to practice psychology; and

(3) the test or service will be performed in the customary manner and in compliance with any other law.

(b) The delegating psychologist remains responsible for the psychological test or service performed by the person to whom the test or service is delegated, and the test or service is considered to be delivered by the delegating psychologist for billing purposes, including bills submitted to third-party payors. The person must inform each patient on whom the test or service is performed that the person is being supervised by a licensed psychologist.

(c) The board may determine whether:

(1) a psychological test or service may be properly and safely delegated under this section; and

(2) a delegated act constitutes the practice of psychology under this chapter.