CHAPTER 212

H.B. No. 809

AN ACT
relating to the dissemination of information regarding employment opportunities in this state to secondary school students.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 302.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 302.014. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS. (a) The commission shall provide the Texas Education Agency with information at least each quarter regarding current and projected employment opportunities in this state, disaggregated by county or other appropriate region.

(b) The Texas Education Agency shall provide the information obtained under Subsection (a) to school districts for use in local planning and implementation of career and technical education and training programs.

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 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 10, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 213

H.B. No. 842

AN ACT
relating to the provision of certain opportunities to career and technical students by public school districts under the college credit program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.009, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a–1) to read as follows:

(a–1) A program implemented under this section may provide a student the opportunity to earn credit for a course or activity, including an apprenticeship or training hours:

(1) that:

(A) satisfies a requirement necessary to obtain an industry-recognized credential or certificate or an associate degree; and

(B) is approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

(2) for which a student may earn credit concurrently toward both the student’s high school diploma and postsecondary academic requirements.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013–2014 school year.

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.