SECTION 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission shall apply for any waiver or other authorization necessary to implement this Act. The commission may delay implementing this Act until the waiver or authorization is granted.

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 the Senate on April 11, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 128, Nays 6, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 507
S.B. No. 67
AN ACT
relating to reporting requirements for institutions of higher education conducting human stem cell research.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (h), Section 61.051, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) The board shall make continuing studies of the needs of the state for research and designate the institutions of higher education to perform research as needed. The board shall also maintain an inventory of all institutional and programmatic research activities being conducted by the various institutions, whether state-financed or not. Once a year, on dates prescribed by the board, each institution of higher education shall report to the board all research conducted at that institution during the last preceding year. Each institution's report must include the amounts spent by the institution on human embryonic stem cell research and adult stem cell research during the year covered by the report and the source of the funding for that research. All reports required by this subsection shall be made subject to the limitations imposed by security regulations governing defense contracts for research. Not later than January 1 of each year, the board shall submit to the legislature information regarding human stem cell research obtained by the board from reports required by this subsection.

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

Passed the Senate on March 13, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 2013: Yeas 148, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 508
S.B. No. 122
AN ACT
relating to the removal from office of a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 87.012, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

1403
Sec. 87.012. OFFICERS SUBJECT TO REMOVAL. The district judge may, under this subchapter, remove from office:

1. a district attorney;
2. a county attorney;
3. a county judge;
4. a county commissioner;
5. a county clerk;
6. a district clerk;
7. a district and county clerk;
8. a county treasurer;
9. a sheriff;
10. a county surveyor;
11. a county tax assessor-collector;
12. a constable;
13. a justice of the peace; and
14. a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district; and
15. a county officer, not otherwise named by this section, whose office is created under the constitution or other law of this state.

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 the Senate on April 3, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 1; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 134, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 509
S.B. No. 123
AN ACT
relating to the authority of the commissioner of education to issue subpoenas and conduct accreditation investigations.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 39.0302, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) During an agency investigation or audit of a school district under Section 39.0301(e) or (f), an accreditation investigation under Section 39.057(a)(8) or (13) [39.057(a)(6)], or an investigation by the State Board for Educator Certification of an educator for an alleged violation of an assessment instrument security procedure established under Section 39.0301(a), the commissioner may issue a subpoena to compel the attendance of a relevant witness or the production, for inspection or copying, of relevant evidence that is located in this state.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 39.057, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioner may authorize special accreditation investigations to be conducted: