CHAPTER 1313

S.B. No. 63

AN ACT
relating to consent to the immunization of certain children.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 32.1011 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.1011. CONSENT TO IMMUNIZATION BY CHILD. (a) Notwithstanding Section 32.003 or 32.101, a child may consent to the child's own immunization for a disease if:

1. the child:
   (A) is pregnant; or
   (B) is the parent of a child and has actual custody of that child; and

2. the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend or authorize the initial dose of an immunization for that disease to be administered before seven years of age.

(b) Consent to immunization under this section must meet the requirements of Section 32.002(a).

(c) Consent by a child to immunization under this section is not subject to disaffirmance because of minority.

(d) A health care provider or facility may rely on the written statement of the child containing the grounds on which the child has capacity to consent to the child's immunization under this section.

(e) To the extent of any conflict between this section and Section 32.003, this section controls.

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 March 13, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 130, Nays 9, two present not voting.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 1314

S.B. No. 172

AN ACT
relating to diagnosing the reading development and comprehension of public school kindergarten students.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 28.006, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commissioner shall adopt a list of reading instruments that a school district may use to diagnose student reading development and comprehension. For use in diagnosing the
reading development and comprehension of kindergarten students, the commissioner shall include on the commissioner's list at least two multidimensional assessment tools. A multidimensional assessment tool on the commissioner's list must either include a reading instrument and test at least three developmental skills, including literacy, or test at least two developmental skills, other than literacy, and be administered in conjunction with a separate reading instrument that is on a list adopted under this subsection. A multidimensional assessment tool administered as provided by this subsection is considered to be a reading instrument for purposes of this section. A district-level committee established under Subchapter F, Chapter 11, may adopt a list of reading instruments for use in the district in addition to the reading instruments on the commissioner's list. Each reading instrument adopted by the commissioner or a district-level committee must be based on scientific research concerning reading skills development and reading comprehension. A list of reading instruments adopted under this subsection must provide for diagnosing the reading development and comprehension of students participating in a program under Subchapter B, Chapter 29.

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.

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CHAPTER 1315

S.B. No. 217

AN ACT

relating to the continuation and functions of the state employee charitable campaign.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (11), Section 659.131, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(11) "Local campaign area" means an area established by the state policy committee under Section 659.140(e)(1)(A) [the county or counties] in which a local campaign is conducted as part of the [manager conducts a] state employee charitable campaign.

SECTION 2. Subsection (g), Section 659.132, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) An authorization must direct the comptroller to distribute the deducted funds to a participating federation or fund or a local charitable organization selected by the state policy committee [and a local campaign manager] as prescribed by rule.

SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 659.133, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Participation by a state employee in a state employee charitable campaign is voluntary. The state [Each] campaign manager, any local employee committee or local campaign manager appointed by the state policy committee, each charitable organization, each state employee, and each state agency shall inform state employees that deductions are voluntary.

SECTION 4. Section 659.140, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), (e), and (i) and adding Subsections (c–1) and (e–1) to read as follows:

(a) The state employee charitable campaign policy committee shall consist of nine [13] members.