(6) a copy of a certificate of a deposit with the appropriate county judge covering the vehicle issued under Section 601.123; or

(7) a certificate of self-insurance covering the vehicle issued under Section 601.124 or a photocopy of the certificate.

e) Subsection (b) does not apply if the peace officer determines through use of the verification program established under Subchapter N that financial responsibility has been established for the vehicle. If a peace officer has access to the verification program, the officer may not issue a citation for a violation of Section 601.051 unless the officer attempts to verify through the program that financial responsibility has been established for the vehicle and is unable to make that verification.

(d) The display of an image that includes financial responsibility information on a wireless communication device under Subsection (a)(2-a) does not constitute effective consent for a law enforcement officer, or any other person, to access the contents of the wireless communication device except to view the financial responsibility information.

e) The authorization of the use of a wireless communication device to display financial responsibility information under Subsection (a)(2-a) does not prevent:

(1) a court of competent jurisdiction from requiring a person to provide a paper copy of the person's evidence of financial responsibility in a hearing or trial or in connection with discovery proceedings; or

(2) the commissioner of insurance from requiring a person to provide a paper copy of the person's evidence of financial responsibility in connection with any inquiry or transaction conducted by or on behalf of the commissioner.

(f) A telecommunications provider, as defined by Section 51.002, Utilities Code, may not be held liable to the operator of the motor vehicle for the failure of a wireless communication device to display financial responsibility information under Subsection (a)(2-a).

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 4, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 9, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 2, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 24, 2013.

Effective May 24, 2013.

CHAPTER 154

S.B. No. 233

AN ACT relating to the use of funds of certain municipal hospital authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 262, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Sections 262.0331 and 262.039 to read as follows:

Sec. 262.0331. EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES AFTER SALE OR CLOSING OF HOSPITAL. (a) If, after the sale or closing of a hospital under Section 262.033, the authority does not own or operate a hospital, the board may use the authority's available assets to promote public health and general welfare initiatives that the board determines will benefit the residents served by the authority, including:

(1) owning, operating, or funding an indigent health care clinic, medical research facility, medical training facility, or other health care facility;

(2) providing direct or indirect financial assistance to a nonprofit organization that:
(A) owns or operates a hospital, indigent health care clinic, medical research facility, medical training facility, or other health care facility; or

(B) supports an initiative promoting health education, wellness, or disease prevention; and

(3) undertaking any other activity that the board determines is necessary or appropriate to improve public health, promote wellness, prevent disease, or enhance the general welfare of the residents served by the authority.

(b) The board may not make an expenditure under Subsection (a) unless:

(1) the board makes appropriate provisions for the satisfaction of any outstanding bonds, debt obligations, or other liabilities of the authority;

(2) the predominant purpose of the expenditure is to promote the public health and general welfare of the residents served by the authority; and

(3) the board establishes sufficient controls to ensure that the expenditure promotes the public health and general welfare of the residents served by the authority.

Sec. 262.039. INVESTMENT OF AUTHORITY FUNDS. (a) This section applies only to an authority that:

(1) is located in a county of 3.3 million or more;

(2) has no outstanding bonds issued under Subchapter D; and

(3) does not own or operate a hospital.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, an authority may invest authority funds:

(1) as provided by Chapter 2256, Government Code; and

(2) in any investment a trustee is authorized to make under Subtitle B, Title 9, Property Code.

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

Passed the Senate on April 4, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 8, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 24, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 155

S.B. No. 860

AN ACT

relating to the provision of career and technology education courses in certain partnership programs to provide high school dropout recovery.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.402, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(a) A [Beginning September 1, 2012, a] public junior college may enter into an articulation agreement to partner with one or more school districts located in the public junior college district to provide on the campus of the public junior college a dropout recovery program for students described by Subsection (b) to successfully complete and receive a diploma from a high school of the appropriate partnering school district.

(c-1) A public junior college under this section may partner with a public technical institute, as defined by Section 61.003, to provide, as part of the dropout recovery program curriculum, career and technology education courses that lead to industry or career certification.

SECTION 2. Section 29.403, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows: