Sec. 12.049. FEASIBILITY REPORT ON BORDER AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION TRAINING PROGRAM. (a) The department shall consider the feasibility of creating and administering a program to:

(1) train department employees to meet federal standards for agricultural inspectors performing inspections, other than inspections of animals as defined by Section 161.001, at ports of entry along the border with the United Mexican States; and

(2) allow department employees trained as provided by Subdivision (1) to assist the United States Customs and Border Protection and the United States Department of Agriculture with agricultural inspections, other than inspections of animals as defined by Section 161.001, at ports of entry along the border with the United Mexican States with the goal of reducing the wait time for an agricultural inspection of a vehicle.

(b) The department shall determine whether any agreements with the federal government are required to implement a program described by Subsection (a) and the nature of those agreements.

(c) Not later than December 31, 2014, the department shall submit a report to the committees of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over agriculture concerning the feasibility of a program described by Subsection (a) and the nature of any agreements with the federal government required to implement the program.

(d) This section expires August 31, 2015.

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 May 2, 2013: Yeas 145, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 1406

S.B. No. 345

AN ACT

relating to certain programs for inmates, including the abolition of the state boot camp program and the use of programs by volunteer and faith-based organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 501.009, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 501.009. VOLUNTEER AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS; REPORT. (a) The department shall adopt a policy that requires each warden to identify volunteer and faith-based organizations that provide the following programs for inmates housed in facilities operated by the department. The policy must require each warden to actively encourage volunteer and faith-based organizations to provide the following programs for inmates in the warden’s facility:

(1) literacy and education programs;
(2) life skills programs;
(3) job skills programs;
(4) parent-training programs;
(5) drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs;
(6) support group programs;
(7) arts and crafts programs; and

...
(8) other programs determined by the department to aid inmates in the transition between confinement and society and to reduce incidence of recidivism among inmates.

(b) The policy must require that each warden submit a report to the board not later than December 31 of each year that includes, for the preceding fiscal year, a summary of:

(1) the programs provided to inmates under this section; and

(2) the actions taken by the warden to identify volunteer and faith-based organizations willing to provide programs to inmates and to encourage those organizations to provide programs in the warden's facility.

SECTION 2. The following are repealed:

(1) Section 8, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure; and

(2) Section 499.052, Government Code.

SECTION 3. (a) On and after the effective date of this Act:

(1) a judge may not recommend a person for placement in the state boot camp program under Section 499.052, Government Code; and

(2) a participant in the state boot camp program remains a participant in the program only until the later of the following dates:

(A) the date on which the convicting court suspends further execution of the sentence and reassumes custody of the person; or

(B) the date on which the Texas Department of Criminal Justice transfers the person to another unit in the department.

(b) Section 8, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Section 499.052, Government Code, repealed by this Act, are continued in effect for the limited purpose of the orderly abolition of the state boot camp program created by those provisions.

SECTION 4. Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall adopt the policy, including a schedule for implementing the policy, required by Section 501.009, Government Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Ch. 1407

S.B. No. 393

AN ACT
relating to the criminal procedures related to children who commit certain Class C misdemeanors.

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

SECTION 1. Article 42.15, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(b) Subject to Subsections (c) and (d), when imposing a fine and costs, a court may direct a defendant:

(1) to pay the entire fine and costs when sentence is pronounced;

(2) to pay the entire fine and costs at some later date; or

(3) to pay a specified portion of the fine and costs at designated intervals.

(d) A judge may allow a defendant who is a child, as defined by Article 133.101, Local Government Code, to discharge the fine and costs by: