(A) is designed to train vocational and technical teachers to effectively implement tech-prep programs;
(B) provides for joint training for teachers in the tech-prep consortium;
(C) is designed to ensure that teachers and administrators stay current with the needs, expectations, and methods of business and of all aspects of an industry;
(D) focuses on training postsecondary education faculty in the use of contextual and applied curricula and instruction; and
(E) provides training in the use and application of technology;
(6) include training programs for school counselors designed to enable school counselors to more effectively:
(A) provide information to students regarding tech-prep programs;
(B) support student progress in completing tech-prep programs;
(C) provide information on related employment opportunities;
(D) ensure that tech-prep students are placed in appropriate employment; and
(E) stay current with the needs, expectations, and methods of business and of all aspects of an industry;
(7) provide equal access to the full range of tech-prep programs for individuals who are members of special populations, including by the development of tech-prep program services appropriate to the needs of special populations; and
(8) provide for preparatory services that assist participants in tech-prep programs.

SECTION 40. Section 503.051, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 503.051. COUNSELING FOR GOVERNMENT OR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. This chapter does not apply to an activity, service, or use of an official title by a person employed as a counselor by a federal, state, county, or municipal agency or, except as provided by Section 21.003(b), Education Code, by a public or private educational institution if the person is performing counseling or counseling-related activities within the scope of the person's employment.

SECTION 41. 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 21, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 16, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 10, 2013: Yeas 128, Nays 15, two present not voting.
Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 444
S.B. No. 769
AN ACT
relating to the establishment of a pilot program to provide specialized training to foster parents of certain children.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 264.124 to read as follows:
Sec. 264.124. FOSTER PARENT PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The department shall establish a pilot program to provide specialized training to foster parents of children who have been traumatized or have serious mental health needs if the department or another state 1270
agency is able to provide the training using existing resources or a local governmental entity or charitable organization is able to provide the training at no cost to the state.

(b) The department shall:
(1) establish the pilot program in a county with a population of at least 1.5 million that is within 200 miles of an international border;
(2) coordinate the specialized training as part of community-based services and support provided under a Wraparound individualized planning process for foster children as prescribed by the Texas Integrated Funding Initiative Consortium; and
(3) evaluate the pilot program not later than the second anniversary of the date the program is established.

(c) The department shall prepare a report containing the evaluation required under Subsection (b)(3) and the department's recommendations on the feasibility and continuation of the pilot program. The department shall submit electronically a copy of the report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives not later than December 1, 2016.

(d) This section expires September 1, 2017.

SECTION 2. Not later than May 1, 2014, the Department of Family and Protective Services shall establish the pilot program required under Section 264.124, Family Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.