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.

Passed the Senate on April 4, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 132, Nays 2, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 445

S.B. No. 771
AN ACT
relating to training for certain employees of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 40, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 40.037 to read as follows:

Sec. 40.037. TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES MANAGERS. (a) The department shall develop and implement a training program that each employee who is newly hired or promoted to a management position in the child protective services division must complete before the employee begins serving in the management position.

(b) The training program must be designed to assist the employee in developing skills, including communication, decision-making, and strategic thinking skills, to prepare the employee to assume management duties, including managing employee workloads, conducting effective unit meetings, managing a mobile workforce, implementing program and operational policies, and completing performance plans.

(c) The department may waive the training required by this section for an employee who has completed another training program provided by the department that is similar to the management training required by this section.

SECTION 2. Section 40.037, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a person who is newly hired or promoted to a management position in the child protective services division of the Department of Family and Protective Services on or after January 1, 2014.
SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.
Passed the Senate on March 27, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 133, Nays 1, two present not voting.
Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective January 1, 2014.

CHAPTER 446
S.B. No. 772

AN ACT
relating to the elimination of obsolete and redundant reporting requirements for the Department of Agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (b), (c), and (d), Section 58.016, Agriculture Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) On or before August 1 of each year, the administrator shall file with the board the proposed annual budgets for the young farmer loan guarantee program under Subchapter E, the farm and ranch finance program under Chapter 59, and the programs administered by the board under this chapter for the succeeding fiscal year. If there is no administrator, the commissioner shall assume the duties of the administrator in connection with preparation of the budget. The budget must set forth the general categories of expected expenditures out of revenues and income of the funds administered by the authority and the amount on account of each. On or before September 1 of each year, the board shall consider the proposed annual budget and may approve it or amend it. [Copies of the annual budget certified by the chairman of the board shall be promptly filed with the governor and the legislature. The annual budget is not effective until it is filed.] If for any reason the authority does not adopt an annual budget before September 2, no expenditures may be made from the funds until the board approves the annual budget. The authority may adopt an amended annual budget for the current fiscal year, but the amended annual budget may not supersede a prior budget until it is filed with the governor and the legislature.

(c) The authority shall have an audit of its books and accounts for each fiscal year by a certified public accountant. The cost of the audit is an expense of the authority. [A copy of the audit shall be filed with the governor and the legislature on or before January 1 of each year.]

(d) On or before January 1 of each year, the authority shall prepare a report of its activities for the preceding fiscal year. The report must set forth a complete operating and financial statement. [The authority shall file copies of the report with the governor and the legislature as soon as practicable.]

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 487.051, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The office shall:

(1) assist rural communities in the key areas of economic development, community development, rural health, and rural housing;

(2) serve as a clearinghouse for information and resources on all state and federal programs affecting rural communities;

(3) in consultation with rural community leaders, locally elected officials, state elected and appointed officials, academic and industry experts, and the interagency work group created under this chapter, identify and prioritize policy issues and concerns affecting rural communities in the state;

(4) make recommendations to the legislature to address the concerns affecting rural communities identified under Subdivision (3);