(d) The board of trustees of each school district may adopt a policy concerning mental health promotion and intervention, substance abuse prevention and intervention, and suicide prevention that:

1. establishes a procedure for providing notice of a recommendation for early mental health or substance abuse intervention regarding a student to a parent or guardian of the student within a reasonable amount of time after the identification of early warning signs as described by Subsection (b)(2);

2. establishes a procedure for providing notice of a student identified as at risk of committing suicide to a parent or guardian of the student within a reasonable amount of time after the identification of early warning signs as described by Subsection (b)(2);

3. establishes that the district may develop a reporting mechanism and may designate at least one person to act as a liaison officer in the district for the purposes of identifying students in need of early mental health or substance abuse intervention or suicide prevention; and

4. sets out available counseling alternatives for a parent or guardian to consider when their child is identified as possibly being in need of early mental health or substance abuse intervention or suicide prevention.

(e) The policy must prohibit the use without the prior consent of a student's parent or guardian of a medical screening of the student as part of the process of identifying whether the student is possibly in need of early mental health or substance abuse intervention or suicide prevention.

(i) Nothing in this section is intended to interfere with the rights of parents or guardians and the decision-making regarding the best interest of the child. Policy and procedures adopted in accordance with this section are intended to notify a parent or guardian of a need for mental health or substance abuse intervention so that a parent or guardian may take appropriate action. Nothing in this section shall be construed as giving school districts the authority to prescribe medications. Any and all medical decisions are to be made by a parent or guardian of a student.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.
Passed the Senate on April 11, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 23, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 20, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.
Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 579
S.B. No. 832
AN ACT relating to training for school district and open-enrollment charter school liaisons who assist students in the conservatorship of the state with school enrollments and transfers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33.904, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 33.904. LIAISON FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN IN CONSERVATORSHIP OF STATE. (a) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall:

1. appoint at least one employee to act as a liaison officer to facilitate the enrollment in or transfer to a public school or open-enrollment charter school of a child in the district or area served by the charter school who is in the conservatorship of the state; and

2. submit the liaison's name and contact information to the agency in a format and under the schedule determined by the commissioner.
(b) The agency shall provide information to the liaisons on practices for facilitating the enrollment in or transfer to a public school or open-enrollment charter school of children who are in the conservatorship of the state.

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 2, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 2013: Yeas 139, Nays 9, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 580

S.B. No. 837

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a municipality to require owners of real property to keep the property free of certain conditions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 342.004, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 342.004. MUNICIPAL POWER CONCERNING WEEDS OR CERTAIN PUBLIC NUISANCES [OTHER UNSANITARY MATTER]. The governing body of a municipality may require the owner of real property [a lot] in the municipality to keep the property [lot] free from weeds, [rubbish,] brush, and a condition constituting a public nuisance as defined by Section 343.011(c)(1), (2), or (3) [other objectionable, unsightly, or unsanitary matter].

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 18, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 1; passed the House on May 22, 2013: Yeas 135, Nays 13, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 581

S.B. No. 856

AN ACT

relating to the administration and management of elections and public information of the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9303.001, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9303.001. DEFINITIONS [DEFINITION]. In this chapter:

(1) “Board” means the district’s board of directors.

(2) “Director” means a board member.

(3) “District” [“District”] means the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1.

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