(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:
(c) A public technical institute may receive from a partnering public junior college for each student enrolled in a career and technology education course as provided by Section 29.402(c-1) an amount negotiated between the public technical institute and the partnering public junior college.

SECTION 3. 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.

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CHAPTER 156

S.B. No. 864

AN ACT relating to a handgun proficiency course that is taken to obtain or renew a concealed handgun license.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 411.185, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To renew a license, a license holder must:

(1) complete a handgun proficiency course under Section 411.188(a) within the six-month period preceding:

(A) the date of application for renewal, for a first or second renewal; and

(B) the date of application for renewal or the date of application for the preceding renewal, for a third or subsequent renewal, to ensure that the license holder is not required to complete the course more than once in any 10-year period; and

(2) submit to the department:

(A) an application for renewal on a form provided by the department;

(B) evidence of handgun proficiency, in the form and manner required by the department;

(C) payment of a nonrefundable renewal fee as set by the department; and

(D) one or more photographs of the applicant that meet the requirements of the department.

SECTION 2. Subsections (a), (b), and (j), Section 411.188, Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The director by rule shall establish minimum standards for handgun proficiency and shall develop a course to teach handgun proficiency and examinations to measure handgun proficiency. The course to teach handgun proficiency is required for each person who seeks to obtain or renew a license and must contain training sessions divided into two parts. One part of the course must be classroom instruction and the other part must be range instruction and an actual demonstration by the applicant of the applicant's ability to safely and proficiently use the applicable category of handgun. An applicant must be able to demonstrate, at a minimum, the degree of proficiency that is required to effectively operate a handgun of .32 caliber or above. The department shall distribute the standards, course requirements, and examinations on request to any qualified handgun instructor.

(b) Only qualified handgun instructors may administer the classroom instruction part or the range instruction part of the handgun proficiency course. The