CHAPTER 591

S.B. No. 913

AN ACT
relating to the reexamination of an applicant for a professional counselor license.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 503.307, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An applicant who has failed three [two] successive examinations may not reapply for another examination before:

(1) the second anniversary of the date of the last examination taken by the applicant; or

(2) the date the applicant has satisfactorily completed nine graduate semester hours in the applicant's weakest portion of the examination.

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 25, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 20, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 592

S.B. No. 939

AN ACT
relating to reporting child abuse and neglect and to training regarding recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect at schools, institutions of higher education, and other entities.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 38.004, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The agency shall develop a policy governing the reports of child abuse or neglect required by Chapter 261, Family Code, of school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and their employees. The policy must provide for cooperation with law enforcement child abuse investigations without the consent of the child's parents if necessary, including investigations by the Department of Family and Protective Services. The policy must require each school district and open-enrollment charter school employee to report child abuse or neglect in the manner required by Chapter 261, Family Code. Each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall adopt the policy.

SECTION 2. Subsection (c), Section 38.0041, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The methods under Subsection (b)(1) for increasing awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse and other maltreatment of children must include training, as provided by this subsection, concerning prevention techniques for and recognition of sexual abuse and all other maltreatment of children. The training: