(1) is appropriate to the role and mission of the system; and

(2) meets the educational or workforce needs of the region in which the campus is located.

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, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 28, 2009: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 25, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.


CHAPTER 630

H.B. No. 1360

AN ACT
relating to the effect under the public information law of the disclosure of certain information by a prosecutor to defense counsel.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 38, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 38.02 to read as follows:

Art. 38.02. EFFECT UNDER PUBLIC INFORMATION LAW OF RELEASE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION. A release of information by an attorney representing the state to defense counsel for a purpose relating to the pending or reasonably anticipated prosecution of a criminal case is not considered a voluntary release of information to the public for purposes of Section 552.007, Government Code, and does not waive the right to assert in the future that the information is excepted from required disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

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, 2009.

Passed by the House on May 1, 2009: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.


CHAPTER 631

H.B. No. 1423

AN ACT
relating to granting charters to public junior colleges for open-enrollment charter schools.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter E, Chapter 12, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

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SUBCHAPTER E. COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
OR JUNIOR COLLEGE CHARTER SCHOOL

SECTION 2. Sections 12.151, 12.152, 12.154, and 12.155, Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12.151. DEFINITIONS [DEFINITION]. In this subchapter, “public junior college” and “public senior college or university” have [has] the meanings [meaning] assigned by Section 61.003.

Sec. 12.152. AUTHORIZATION. (a) In accordance with this subchapter and Subchapter D, the State Board of Education may grant a charter on the application of:

(1) a public senior college or university for an open-enrollment charter school to operate on the campus of the public senior college or university or in the same county in which the campus of the public senior college or university is located; or

(2) a public junior college for an open-enrollment charter school to operate on the campus of the public junior college or in the same county in which the campus of the public junior college is located.

Sec. 12.154. CONTENT. (a) Notwithstanding Section 12.110(d), the State Board of Education may grant a charter under this subchapter to a public senior college or university only if the following criteria are satisfied in the public senior college’s or university’s application, as determined by the State Board of Education:

(1) the college or university charter school’s educational program must include innovative teaching methods;

(2) the college or university charter school’s educational program must be implemented under the direct supervision of a member of the teaching or research faculty of the public senior college or university;

(3) the faculty member supervising the college or university charter school’s educational program must have substantial experience and expertise in education research, teacher education, classroom instruction, or educational administration;

(4) the college or university charter school’s educational program must be designed to meet specific goals described in the charter, including improving student performance, and each aspect of the program must be directed toward the attainment of the goals;

(5) the attainment of the college or university charter school’s educational program goals must be measured using specific, objective standards set forth in the charter, including assessment methods and a time frame; and

(6) the financial operations of the college or university charter school must be supervised by the business office of the public senior college or university.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 12.110(d), the State Board of Education may grant a charter under this subchapter to a public junior college only if the following criteria are satisfied in the public junior college’s application, as determined by the State Board of Education:

(1) the junior college charter school’s educational program must be implemented under the direct supervision of a member of the faculty of the public junior college;

(2) the faculty member supervising the junior college charter school’s educational program must have substantial experience and expertise in teacher education, classroom instruction, or educational administration;

(3) the junior college charter school’s educational program must be designed to meet specific goals described in the charter, such as dropout recovery, and each aspect of the program must be directed toward the attainment of the goals;

(4) the attainment of the junior college charter school’s educational program goals must be measured using specific, objective standards set forth in the charter, including assessment methods and a time frame; and

(5) the financial operations of the junior college charter school must be supervised by the business office of the junior college.
Sec. 12.155. SCHOOL NAME. The name of a college or university charter school or junior college charter school must include the name of the public senior college or university or public junior college, as applicable, operating the school.

SECTION 3. Section 12.156(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter, Subchapter D applies to a college or university charter school or junior college charter school as though the college or university charter school or junior college charter school, as applicable, were granted a charter under that subchapter.

SECTION 4. 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, 2009.

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CHAPTER 632
H.B. No. 1448
AN ACT relating to the requirements for voter registration.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.002(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A registration application must include:

(1) the applicant’s first name, middle name, if any, last name, and former name, if any;
(2) the month, day, and year of the applicant’s birth;
(3) a statement that the applicant is a United States citizen;
(4) a statement that the applicant is a resident of the county;
(5) a statement that the applicant has not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
   (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or
   (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
(6) a statement that the applicant has not been finally convicted of a felony or that the applicant is a felon eligible for registration under Section 13.001;
(7) the applicant’s residence address or, if the residence has no address, the address at which the applicant receives mail and a concise description of the location of the applicant’s residence;
(8) the following information:
   (A) the applicant’s Texas driver’s license number or the number of a personal identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety [or a statement by the applicant that the applicant has not been issued a driver’s license or personal identification card]; [or]
   (B) if the applicant has not been issued a number described by Paragraph (A), the last four digits of the applicant’s social security number [or a statement by the applicant that the applicant has not been issued a social security number]; or
   (C) a statement by the applicant that the applicant has not been issued a number described by Paragraph (A) or (B);