CHAPTER 378
H.B. No. 1452
AN ACT
relating to participation in job training and employment assistance programs by veterans and other
covered persons.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 302, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subchapter G to read as
follows:

SUBCHAPTER G. PRIORITY OF SERVICE IN JOB TRAINING
AND EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Sec. 302.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:
(1) “Active military, naval, or air service” has the meaning assigned by 38 U.S.C.
Section 101(24).
(2) “Covered person” has the meaning assigned by 38 U.S.C. Section 4215(a). The term
includes the spouse of any member of the armed forces who died while serving on active
military, naval, or air service.
(3) “Veteran” has the meaning assigned by 38 U.S.C. Section 101(2).

Sec. 302.152. PRIORITY OF SERVICE REQUIRED. (a) A covered person is entitled to
priority in obtaining services or resources under this subchapter. In the implementation
of this section, a covered person may take precedence in obtaining services or resources under
this subchapter over persons who are not covered persons.
(b) For purposes of Subsection (a), “taking precedence” may mean that:
(1) the covered person receives access to a service or resource before a person who is not
a covered person; or
(2) if the service or resource is limited, the covered person receives access to the service
or resource instead of a person who is not a covered person.

Sec. 302.153. PARTICIPATION IN STATE-FUNDED PROGRAMS. In selecting ap-
plicants to receive training or assistance under a job training or employment assistance
program or service that is funded wholly or partly with state money, priority of service must
be given to a covered person who meets the minimum eligibility requirements to participate
or enroll in the program or receive the service.

Sec. 302.154. PARTICIPATION IN TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION PROGRAMS.
(a) The Texas Veterans Commission shall operate programs funded under 38 U.S.C.
Chapters 41 and 42. The commission may provide services to enhance the employment and
training opportunities of veterans, covered persons, active duty service members, spouses of
active duty service members, and members of the Texas National Guard. The services
provided under this section must be provided by state employees.
(b) The Texas Veterans Commission may adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. Section 302.014, Labor Code, is repealed.

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 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the
House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1452 on May 25, 2009: Yeas
Chapter 379
H.B. No. 1470

An Act
relating to notification regarding entitlement of school district employees to leave time in circumstances involving assault.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.003, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) Any informational handbook a school district provides to employees in an electronic or paper form or makes available by posting on the district website must include notification of an employee's rights under Subsection (b) in the relevant section of the handbook. Any form used by a school district through which an employee may request leave under this section must include assault leave under Subsection (b) as an option.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

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 May 12, 2009: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Chapter 380
H.B. No. 1487

An Act
relating to the alignment of certain Medicaid procedures regarding written orders for diabetic equipment and supplies with comparable Medicare written order procedures.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.099 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.099. ALIGNMENT OF MEDICAID DIABETIC EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES WRITTEN ORDER PROCEDURES WITH MEDICARE DIABETIC EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES WRITTEN ORDER PROCEDURES. (a) The commission shall review forms and requirements under the Medicaid program regarding written orders for diabetic equipment and supplies to identify variations between permissible ordering procedures under that program and ordering procedures available to providers under the Medicare program.

(b) To the extent practicable, and in conformity with Chapter 157, Occupations Code, and Chapter 483, Health and Safety Code, after conducting a review under Subsection (a) the commission shall modify only forms, rules, and procedures applicable to orders for diabetic equipment and supplies under the Medicaid program.

Passed by the House on May 15, 2009: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 28, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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