CHAPTER 449
H.B. No. 2424

AN ACT
relating to exempting Lamar State College—Orange and Lamar State College—Port Arthur from certain requirements relating to student admissions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.805, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) This section does not apply to Lamar State College—Orange or Lamar State College—Port Arthur as long as those institutions operate as two-year lower-division institutions of higher education.

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 5, 2009: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2009: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.

CHAPTER 450
H.B. No. 2447

AN ACT
relating to the abolition of the Board of Tax Professional Examiners and the transfer of its functions to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1151.002, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (5) and adding Subdivisions (7-a), (7-b), and (7-c) to read as follows:

(5) “Code of ethics” means a formal statement of ethical standards of conduct adopted by the commission [board].

(7-a) “Commission” means the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation.

(7-b) “Committee” means the Texas Tax Professional Advisory Committee.

(7-c) “Department” means the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

SECTION 2. Section 1151.004(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The department [board] shall thoroughly investigate a complaint of a violation of this section.

SECTION 3. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 1151, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B. TEXAS [BOARD OF] TAX PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE [EXAMINERS]

SECTION 4. Section 1151.051, Occupations Code, as amended by Chapters 815 (S.B. 276) and 1170 (S.B. 287), Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1151.051. [BOARD] MEMBERSHIP. (a) The Texas [Board of] Tax Professional Advisory Committee [Examiners] consists of seven [five] members appointed by the presid-