CHAPTER 1020

H.B. No. 4276

AN ACT

relating to a transportation plan for persons furloughed or discharged from certain mental health facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 574, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 574.089 to read as follows:

Sec. 574.089. TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR FURLOUGH OR DISCHARGE. (a) The facility administrator of a mental health facility, in conjunction with the local mental health authority, shall create a transportation plan for a person scheduled to be furloughed or discharged from the facility.

(b) The transportation plan must account for the capacity of the person, must be in writing, and must specify:

(1) who is responsible for transporting the person;
(2) when the person will be transported; and
(3) where the person will arrive.

(c) If the person consents, the facility administrator shall forward the transportation plan to a family member of the person before the person is transported.

SECTION 2. 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 21, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.
Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 1021

H.B. No. 4281

AN ACT

relating to continuing education requirements for physical therapists.

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

SECTION 1. Section 453.254, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 453.254. [MANDATORY] CONTINUING COMPETENCE [EDUCATION]. (a) The board by rule shall:

(1) assess the continuing education needs of license holders and adopt requirements for continuing competence for license holders in subjects pertaining to the practice of physical therapy;
(2) establish a minimum number of continuing competence units required to renew a license; and
(3) develop a process to approve continuing competence activities.

(b) The board may require license holders to complete continuing competence activities specified by the board. The board shall adopt a procedure to assess a license holder's participation and performance in continuing competence activities.

(c) The board may identify the key factors for the competent performance by a license holder of the license holder's professional duties.