CHAPTER 608

H.B. No. 746

AN ACT relating to expanding the availability of classrooms and other facilities for use by public junior colleges.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.975 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.975. SHARING OF UNDERUSED CLASSROOMS. (a) A public institution of higher education may make the institution's classrooms not scheduled for use by the institution or by students, student organizations, or faculty of the institution between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. on one or more weekdays or between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on one or more Saturdays available for that day to another public junior college on request for teaching courses in the core curriculum, as defined by Section 61.821, or continuing education courses.

(b) A public institution of higher education that under Subsection (a) makes a classroom available to another institution shall continue to make that classroom, or a comparable classroom, available to the other institution for the duration of the semester or other academic term.

(c) An institution of higher education may charge another institution for the use of a classroom under this section at a rate not to exceed the rate permitted for this purpose as determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The coordinating board shall establish those rates in an amount to reimburse the host institution for utility costs and other costs, such as maintenance and custodial services, based on the infrastructure formula funding that the host institution would receive if teaching a course in that space itself for that time.

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 12, 2009: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 746 on May 29, 2009: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2009: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 19, 2009.


CHAPTER 609

H.B. No. 765

AN ACT relating to supplemental payments made to certain statutory probate court judges.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.0023, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
(b) Notwithstanding any other law and in addition to the judge’s annual salary, the commissioners court annually shall pay a judge of a statutory probate court who has continuously served as a judge of a statutory probate court or a statutory county court since August 31, 1995, an additional amount equal to the amount of benefit replacement pay a district judge is entitled to receive from the state under Subchapter H, Chapter 659, for equivalent continuous service. The salary shall be paid in equal monthly installments.

(c) The commissioners court monthly shall pay a statutory probate court judge who has served as a judge of a statutory probate court or a statutory county court for at least 16 years longevity pay in an amount equal to the amount of longevity pay a district judge is entitled to receive from the state for equivalent years of service. The longevity pay is in addition to the judge’s monthly salary.

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 April 15, 2009: Yeas 145, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 27, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.


CHAPTER 610

H.B. No. 773

AN ACT

relating to extending the expiration date of the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act.

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

SECTION 1. Section 312.006, Tax Code, as amended by Chapters 1029 (H.B. 1449) and 1505 (H.B. 1200), Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 312.006. EXPIRATION DATE. If not continued in effect, this chapter expires September 1, 2019.

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 March 31, 2009: Yeas 145, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 25, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.


CHAPTER 611

H.B. No. 780

AN ACT

relating to eligibility requirements for a beginning police department position in certain municipalities under municipal civil service.

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

SECTION 1. Section 143.105, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

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