SECTION 1. Subdivision (3), Subsection (c), Section 85.25, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(3) The board is further authorized to grant to the Texas A&M Foundation a lease of surface area not to exceed eight [five] acres on the original main campus for use by the foundation to construct and occupy a building for use consistent with the foundation’s stated purposes.

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 the Senate on March 19, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 141, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.


CHAPTER 479

S.B. No. 524

AN ACT
relating to the grounds for removal of a member of the board of directors of the Lynn County Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 4A, Chapter 66, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967, is amended to read as follows:

(a) It is a ground for removal from the board of directors that a member:

(1) is absent from more than half [three-fourths] of the regularly scheduled board meetings that the member is eligible to attend during a calendar year without an excuse approved by a majority vote of the board; or

(2) fails to timely pay a federal, state, or local tax, including an ad valorem tax.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 1054.0565, Special District Local Laws Code, as effective September 1, 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(a) It is a ground for removal from the board that a director:

(1) is absent from more than half [three-fourths] of the regularly scheduled board meetings that the director is eligible to attend during a calendar year without an excuse approved by a majority vote of the board; or

(2) fails to timely pay a federal, state, or local tax, including an ad valorem tax.

SECTION 3. (a) Section 1 of this Act takes effect only if the Act of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in existing codes does not become law. If the Act of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in existing codes becomes law, Section 1 of this Act has no effect.

(b) Section 2 of this Act takes effect only if the Act of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in existing codes becomes law. If the Act of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in existing codes does not become law, Section 2 of this Act has no effect.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on March 19, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 25, 2009: Yeas 141, Nays 0, one present not voting.
CHAPTER 480

S.B. No. 530

AN ACT
relating to the disposition of cash in possession of a deceased pauper.

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

SECTION 1. Section 694.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

(c) If a county discovers cash in the possession of a deceased pauper, a county may use the cash to pay the actual costs incurred by the county in disposing of the pauper's body.

(d) If any cash remains after the county has paid the costs of disposing of the body under Subsection (c), the county shall place the cash in trust. A person having a claim to the money in trust must exercise the right to collect the money not later than the first anniversary of the date of disposition of the pauper's body.

(e) A county may create a fund to be used by the county to pay the costs incurred in disposing of the bodies of deceased paupers and administering the county's body disposition activities. If money placed in a trust under Subsection (d) is not claimed by the first anniversary of the date of disposition of the pauper's body, the county may transfer the money to the fund created under this subsection.

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 the Senate on March 19, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 25, 2009: Yeas 143, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

CHAPTER 481

S.B. No. 584

AN ACT
relating to notification to a patient of a state-operated mental health facility or resident of a residential care facility of the exemption of certain trusts from liability to pay for support.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 576, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 576.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 576.010. NOTIFICATION OF TRUST EXEMPTION. (a) At the time a patient is admitted to an inpatient mental health facility for voluntary or involuntary inpatient mental health services, the facility shall provide to the patient, and the parent if the patient is a minor or the guardian of the person of the patient, written notice, in the person's primary language, that a trust that qualifies under Section 552.018 is not liable for the patient's support. In addition, the facility shall ensure that, within 24 hours after the patient is admitted to the facility, the notification is explained to the patient: