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SECTION 1. Same as House version.

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SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 419, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 419.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 419.013. STUDY ON ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENT; REPORT. (a) In this section, "state agency" means a board, commission, department, institute, office, or other agency in the executive branch of state government that is created by the constitution or a statute of this state, including an institution of higher education or other agency of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

- (b) The commission shall conduct a study on the administrative attachment of the commission to another state agency in order to:
- (1) reduce the costs associated with the commission;
- (2) improve the provision of commission services; and
- (3) lower the fees set and collected by the commission under this chapter.
- (c) The commission may request the assistance of any state agency if the commission needs assistance to conduct the study required under this section. The agency shall provide the requested assistance.
- (d) Not later than September 1, 2014, the commission shall report the results of the study to the legislature, the governor, and the Legislative Budget Board. The report submitted must include a complete explanation of the process used by the commission in conducting the study required under this section and:
- (1) if the commission finds that administrative attachment to another state agency would further the goals listed in Subsection (b):
- (A) identify a single state agency to which the commission shall be administratively attached, selected using the criteria

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prescribed by Subsection (b); and

- (B) include drafts of proposed legislation necessary to accomplish the administrative attachment; or
- (2) if the commission finds that administrative attachment to another state agency would not further the goals listed in Subsection (b):
- (A) identify, for each goal listed in Subsection (b), at least five reasons why administrative attachment would not further that goal;
- (B) describe in detail the commission's plan for meeting each goal listed in Subsection (b); and
- (C) include drafts of proposed legislation necessary to accomplish the commission's plan under Paragraph (B).
- (e) This section expires September 1, 2017.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION __. Subchapter Z, Chapter 419, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 419.910 to read as follows:

Sec. 419.910. CERTAIN REGULATION PROHIBITED. (a) In this section:

- (1) "State agency" has the meaning assigned by Section 2103.001.
- (2) "Volunteer firefighter" means a member of a volunteer fire department who is not a full-time paid employee.
- (b) A state agency may not:
- (1) require a volunteer firefighter to obtain a license or certification in order to be a volunteer firefighter; or
- (2) require a member of an industrial emergency response team to obtain a license or certification in order to be a member of an industrial emergency response team. [FA1]

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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, 2013.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

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