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effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

Sec. 6. The importance of this legislation, the fact that James Con-
 nally Air Force Base will be deactivated in June, 1966, and the crowded
 condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an im-
 perative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to
 be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and the Rule
 is hereby suspended; and that this Act take effect and be in force from
 and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 13, 1965: Yeas 23, Nays 1; Senate con-
 curred in House amendment on April 20, 1965 by a viva voce vote;
 passed the House on April 15, 1965, with amendment, by a non-
 record vote.

Approved April 22, 1965.

Effective Aug. 30, 1965, 90 days after date of adjournment.

ARLINGTON STATE COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM

CHAPTER 92

S. B. No. 407

An Act relating to the transfer of the operation, management, and direction of
 Arlington State College to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas;
 amending Section 2, Chapter 459, Acts of the 51st Legislature, Regular Ses-
 sion, 1949; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 2 of Chapter 459, Acts of the 51st Legislature,
 Regular Session, 1949 (Article 2620a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes),
 is amended ⁹⁵ to read as follows:

"Section 2. Arlington State College shall be under the direction of
 the Board of Regents of The University of Texas, and the institution
 shall be known as Arlington State College of The University of Texas
 System. The Board of Regents shall perform all the duties required in
 the management of said college in like manner as Governing Boards of
 the same character. The duties, rights and powers imposed and con-
 ferred by law on the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Me-
 chanical College for operation, management and direction shall, after
 the effective date of this Act, be performed by the Board of Regents of
 The University of Texas. Wherever in any Act of the Legislature of
 this state or the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended,
 powers, duties and responsibilities are assigned or any reference what-
 soever is made to the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Me-
 chanical College of Texas, of Texas A&M University, or of the Texas
 A&M University System as concerns North Texas Junior Agricultural,
 Mechanical and Industrial College or Arlington State College, said powers,
 duties and responsibilities shall be performed by, and such reference shall
 apply to, the Board of Regents of The University of Texas. It is the intent
 of the Legislature that future building needs of Arlington State College

95. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 2620a, § 2.

shall be financed from some source or sources other than The University of Texas' share of the principal and/or interest of and from the University Permanent Fund."

Sec. 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and the Rule is hereby suspended; and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 22, 1965: Yeas 29, Nays 2; Senate concurred in House amendments on April 5, 1965: Yeas 23, Nays 4; passed the House on March 31, 1965, with amendments: Yeas 138, Nays 4.

Approved April 23, 1965.
Effective April 23, 1965.

JAILS—ESCAPE—PUNISHMENT

CHAPTER 93⁹⁶

S. B. No. 28

An Act making it unlawful for any person formally charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor and confined in jail to escape therefrom, or the lawful custody of an officer, or any other person authorized by law to have such person in his custody; defining terms; prescribing a penalty for violation thereof; enacting other provisions relating to the subject; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. (a) The term "jail" as used in this Act, means any place designated by law for the keeping of persons held in custody under process of law or under lawful arrest including, but not limited to, county jails, county workhouses, county farms, city jails, city workhouses, city farms and city houses of correction.

(b) The term "prisoner" as used in this Act, means a person who has been formally charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor.

(c) The term "officer" as used in this Act, includes all peace officers, jailers, turnkeys and matrons of any jail; Texas Rangers, members of Texas Highway Patrol; and any other person authorized by law to have in his custody a prisoner.

Sec. 2. If any prisoner confined in jail or while he is permitted at large as trusty, or while in the lawful custody of any officer shall escape or attempt to escape, he shall upon conviction for such escape or attempt to escape be confined in jail for not more than two (2) years. Provided, if such prisoner shall use a firearm or other deadly weapon in his escape, or attempt to escape, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary for not less than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15) years.

Sec. 3. The fact, that there is now no law of this state making it an offense for a person formally charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor and confined in jail to escape from custody has encouraged numerous prisoners to escape and put the state to much expense in its efforts to recapture them, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity, that

96. Vernon's Ann.P.C. art. 353d.

the Constitutional Rule in each House be suspended, and this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 22, 1965: Yeas 29, Nays 2; Senate concurred in House amendments on April 5, 1965: Yeas 23, Nays 4; passed the House on March 31, 1965, with amendments: Yeas 138, Nays 4.

Approved April 23, 1965.
Effective Aug. 30, 1965.

EDUCATION

An Act authorizing the purchase of books and materials for the blind and visually handicapped children of the 55th Legislature, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:
Section 1. Chapter 97, Acts of the 55th Legislature, 1957, as amended by Chapter 2876k, Acts of the 55th Legislature, 1959 (Article 2876k, Acts of the 55th Legislature, 1959), is amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The purchase and contractions adopted by the Legislature for the education of the blind and visually handicapped children of the State, hereinafter defined, shall be limited to one to twelve, inclusive, for the acceptance of structural aids pursuant to Sections 101 and 102 of the Constitution of the State of Texas."

"Section 2. As used in this section, the term 'blind and visually handicapped' shall mean any child whose visual acuity is such that he is unable to read print in regularly adopted type without the aid of special devices."

"Section 3. Free textbooks shall be provided by the board of education for the blind and visually handicapped children of the State. The costs of such textbooks shall be paid from the Textbook Fund of the State. All books accepted for purchase by the State Board of Education shall be purchased by the state commission on the blind and visually handicapped children."

"Section 4. All funds available for the purchase of textbooks shall be available to the Textbook Committee for the purchase of textbooks for the blind and visually handicapped children of the State."

"Section 5. The Textbook Committee shall be composed of seven members, to be appointed by the Governor, and shall have the honor of the rank of colonel in the State Militia."

97. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St.