TESTIMONY ON SB 596 – TRANSITION
representing
Van ISD and TCASE

Key Issues:

• Changing the age to 14
  o Age-appropriate planning and information.
  o More in depth planning and focused activities beginning at age 16.
  o Current transition activities at Van ISD

• Data collection for PBMAS
  o Rating our district on indicators for the activities of other agencies
  o Past history – invitations have been issued, but other agencies often do not respond
  o Use IEP data to rate our district on our continuing efforts to include other agencies in transition planning
  o Evaluate our program based solely upon its performance, not upon factors over which we have no control, such as parental consent to contact agencies, parent/student cooperation with agency representatives, agency representative response
  o Maintaining employment is not always a reflection on the district’s program or efforts to adequately prepare the student.

The mission of VAN ISD, in partnership with the community, is to develop well-rounded, productive citizens capable of competing in a global society through a safe and caring environment in which students embrace learning and strive for excellence.