



Campus Carry House bill 280

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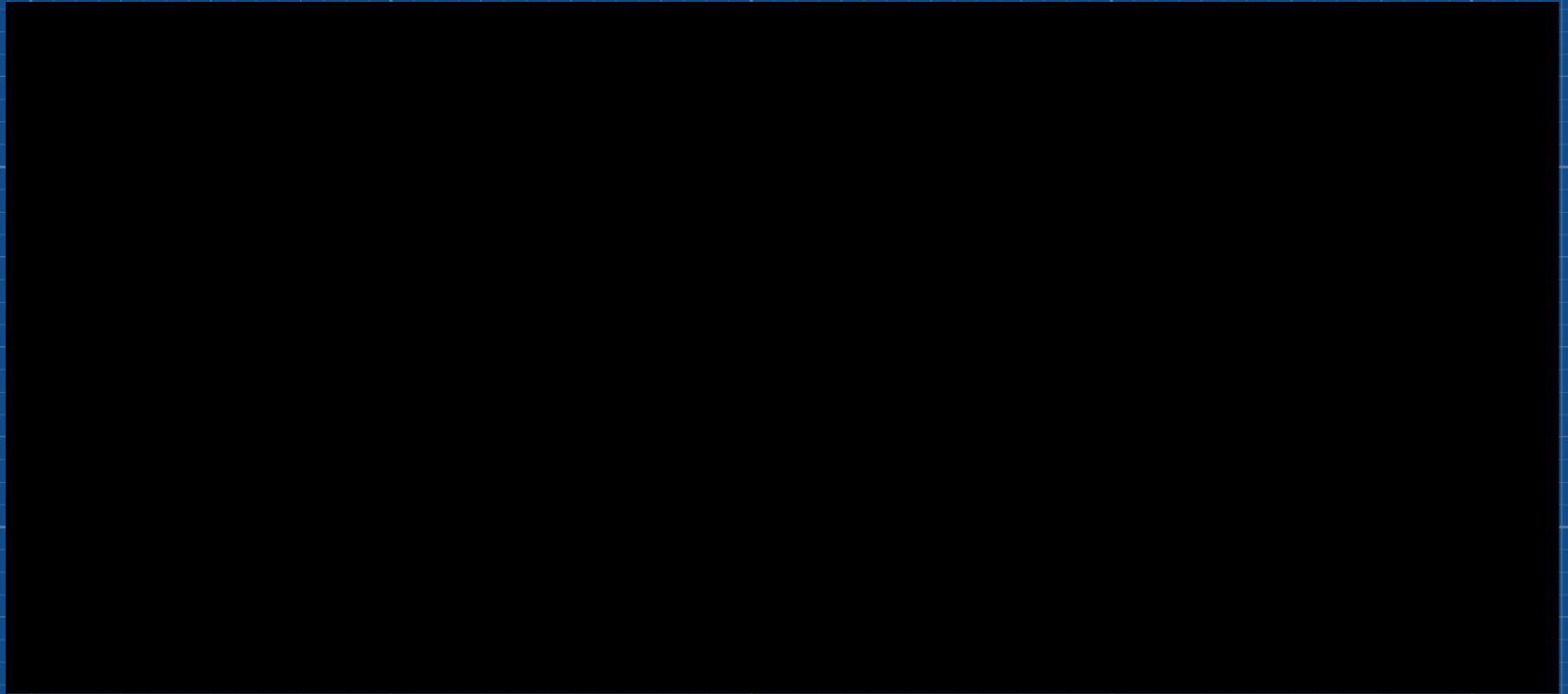


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While current law already allows license-holders to keep weapons secured in motor vehicles, beginning on July 1, 2017 House Bill 280 allows anyone who is properly licensed in the State of Georgia to carry a handgun in a concealed manner on property owned or leased by public colleges and universities, with some exceptions as explained below.



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- Unlike “campus carry” laws in some other states, HB 280 does not give colleges and universities in Georgia discretion to prohibit handguns on their campuses or to add any additional exceptions to the ability to carry handguns beyond those already contained in the law.



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There are a number of exceptions to the new law that limit the places on campus where handguns may be carried. Even license-holders may not carry a handgun into the following locations on college/university-owned or leased property:



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Exceptions:

Buildings and property used for athletic sporting events. This exception includes

- stadiums,
- gymnasiums
- and similar facilities in which intercollegiate games are staged
- but does not extend to so-called “tailgating” areas!



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Exceptions:

Student housing facilities including residence halls and similar buildings where students live such as fraternity and sorority houses.

(Note that any housing that is not on property owned or leased by a University System institution is not covered by House Bill 280.)



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Exceptions:

Rooms and other spaces during the times when they are being used for classes in which high school students are enrolled!

- dual enrollment
- and programs such as Move On When Ready
- or through college and career academies or other specialized programs such as Early College.



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- License-holders who want to carry handguns to class will need to visit the institution's registrar or other designated employee, who after verifying their enrollment status will tell them which of their classes, if any, have high school students enrolled. Institutions shall not, however, keep any listing of those who inquire.
- (Note also that the names of enrolled high school students may not be revealed in accordance with applicable privacy laws.) It is the responsibility of license-holders to seek out this information and make themselves aware of which classrooms fall within this exception.



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Exceptions:

Faculty, staff and administrative offices. This exception includes offices and office suites occupied by faculty, staff and administrators but does not include more general public common spaces outside of those areas.



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Exceptions: DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

Rooms during the times when they are being used for disciplinary proceedings of any kind, including those regarding students, faculty or staff.

These would include any meetings or hearings that are part of the University System's or the institution's sexual misconduct, student conduct, dispute resolution, grievance, appeals or similar processes.



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PENALTY: Misdemeanor Crime for a license -holder

Doing so also may be a violation of the institution's student code of conduct and personnel rules.

It will be the responsibility of those license-holders who choose to carry handguns on campus to know the law and to understand where they can go while carrying.

Institutions will not provide gun storage facilities or erect signs outside restricted areas.



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It is incumbent upon each of us to follow the law.

Students, faculty and staff should not attempt themselves to monitor or to enforce compliance with the statute by those who do carry handguns.

Only law enforcement personnel, including the University System's more than 800 POST-certified officers, will be responsible for enforcing the law.



FAQ

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Can license-holders carry concealed handguns in laboratories on campus?

Yes. HB 280 sets out specific excepted areas in which license-holders may not carry handguns, and laboratories are not one of those exceptions.

Handguns would only be prohibited in a laboratory if the particular space were to fall within one of the specific exceptions.



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Can license-holders carry concealed handguns at summer camps on campus?

- Yes. Summer camps are not set out as an exception to the ability to carry concealed handguns on campus in HB 280.



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Are handguns prohibited wherever enrolled high school students go while on campus?

- No. HB 280 only prohibits handguns in rooms and spaces that are being used for classes in which high school students are enrolled.



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Are handguns prohibited from athletic sporting event facilities at all times or only during the events?

- Handguns are prohibited in buildings or property that are used for intercollegiate games at all times!
- Similarly, handguns are prohibited throughout the entire facility!



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Can faculty members and students other than license-holders ask the registrar whether high school students are enrolled in their classes?

- Yes. However, we should not give out the name or any identifiable information about the high school student.



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Can faculty members ask students to identify themselves if they are carrying handguns or ask students who carry handguns to take different classes?

- No. State law grants license-holders the ability to carry handguns to public college and university classes (except those in which high school students are enrolled), and faculty members may not ask license-holders to reveal that they are carrying concealed handguns or in any way discourage them from doing what they are legally allowed to do.



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Are faculty members responsible for announcing to their classes that guns are (or are not) prohibited because high school students are (or are not) enrolled?

- No. It is the responsibility of those who choose to carry handguns on campus to make themselves aware of where and when they can do so.
- Drop/ ADD period –License holder needs to check.



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May faculty members provide information about HB 280 in their course syllabi?

- Yes. Faculty members can provide information by linking to the USG guidance at the usg.edu website

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If USG institutions will not be providing storage lockers, where can license-holders store their handguns while they go to places on campus where handguns are prohibited?

- It is the responsibility of those who choose to carry handguns on campus to make arrangements for the proper and safe storage of those guns.

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If a student or employee violates the provisions of HB 280, may the institution treat that conduct as a violation of its student code of conduct or personnel rules?

- Yes. The immediate situation should be handled by law enforcement, but afterwards the conduct may be treated as a violation of the student code of conduct or the personnel rules. That process should then be handled in the same manner as any other student or employee misconduct case would be handled
- In addition, Public Safety will address the matter from a criminal standpoint.



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Questions??????????????

