

The Campaign to Keep Guns Off Campus

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Summary of Legislative Activity 2011 Legislative Session

Nearly all colleges and universities have policies that prohibit or severely restrict the possession of firearms on campus. In recent years, the gun lobby has mounted a campaign to undo existing laws and policies by pushing legislation that would prohibit a college or university from adopting policies regulating firearms on campus.

During the 2011 legislative session, so-called guns on campus bills were introduced in at least 23 states. See table below. Despite the gun lobby's efforts, guns on campus bills failed or were deferred in 21 states including Arizona, Idaho, Texas, and Louisiana. However, two states – Mississippi and Wisconsin – enacted legislation that would allow anyone who possess a permit to carry concealed weapons – students, faculty, staff, and visitors - to carry loaded, concealed, handguns on college campuses, including school buildings, classrooms, sports stadiums, and student dormitories (**with exceptions, see below**).

In Mississippi, HB 506, enacted in March, removed colleges and universities from the list of locations where conceal carry licensees are not allowed to carry concealed weapons. However, the new law conflicts with another section of Mississippi law (not amended by SB 506) that prohibits possession of firearms on “educational property.” Thus, it is not clear at this time how the new Mississippi law will be implemented.

In Wisconsin, SB 93 made Wisconsin the 49th state to legalize conceal carry. The new Wisconsin law allows conceal carry licensees to carry anywhere in the state, including colleges and universities. However, the law permits colleges and universities to prohibit firearms in “buildings” and “special events” by posting signs at all entrances stating that firearms are prohibited in the building.

Status of “Guns On Campus” Bills Introduced in 2011

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State	Bill No.	Description	Status	Session Status
Arizona	HB 2001	Allow faculty to carry firearms on community college or university property	House adjourned	New Session begins in 2012
	HB 2014	Prohibit college or university from regulating firearms on school property	House adjourned	
	HB 2479	Prohibit education institutions (including colleges and universities) from regulating firearms on school property	House adjourned	
	HB 2614	Allow adult to possess loaded firearm in vehicle on school property (currently law is unloaded firearm)	House adjourned	

	SB 1467	Allow CCW licensees to carry firearms on public right of ways through pass through	Vetoed by Governor (4/18/11)	
State	Bill No.	Description	Status	Session Status
Arkansas	HB1479	would allow CCW permit holders who are staff or faculty to carry firearms at universities, colleges and community colleges (except for private institutions which may expressly prohibit carrying firearms)	Died in House Committee at Sine Die adjournment. (4/27/11)	New Session begins in 2012
Colorado	HB 1205	Allow CCW licensees to carry firearms on college or university property	Passed in House Indefinitely Postponed in Senate	New Session Begins in 2012
Florida	SB 234 H517	Allow CCW licensees to carry firearms on college or university property Same as SB 234	Provision is dead Provision is dead	New Session Begins in 2012
Georgia	HB 55	Allow CCW licensees to carry firearms on college or university property	On 2 nd reading, bill carried over to 2012	Session carries over to 2012
Idaho	HB 222	Removes authority of Board of Regents and other higher education entities from regulating firearms on campus	Passed in House Died in Senate Committee 3/18	New session begins in 2012
Illinois	HB 148	Permits the county sheriff to issue permits to carry concealed firearms to persons at least 21 years of age who meet certain requirements. Requires an applicant for a permit to have completed specified training requirements developed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board consisting of classroom instruction and live firing exercises.	Guns on campus provision taken out of bill. Re-referred to Rules Committee on 5/31/11.	Session carries over to 2012
Kansas	H2353	Concealed weapons can be carried state and municipal facilities (includes colleges and universities) unless facilities have adequate security measures to insure that no weapons can be carried or permitted on such premises	In Committee, bill carried over to 2012	Session carries over to 2012
Louisiana	HB 413	Authorizes concealed handgun permit holders to carry concealed handguns on college campuses	Bill died in committee	New session begins in 2012

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Michigan	HB 4009	Allow CCW licensees to carry firearms anywhere in the state (including college or university property)	In Committee, carried over to 2012	Session carries over to 2012
	SB 58	(Same as HB 4009) Allow CCW licensees to carry firearms anywhere in the state (including college or university property)	In Committee, carried over to 2012	
Mississippi	HB 66	Allow CCW licensees to carry firearms in any public or private property (including college or university property)	Failed in committee	New session begins in 2012
	HB 475	Allow CCW licensees to carry in any facility (including college or university property), except facility where persons are searched before entry	Failed in committee	
	HB 1003	Remove restrictions on where a CCW licensee may carry concealed weapons	Failed in committee	
	SB 2469	Allow CCW licensees to carry firearms on college or university property	Passed Senate on 2/2/11 Died in House	
	HB 506	Creates an exception that allows CCW permit holders who voluntarily obtain specified firearms training to carry firearms in many places, including any school, college or professional athletic event, bars and restaurants that serve alcohol, any elementary or secondary school facility, any junior college, community college, college or university facility.	Signed into Law	
Nebraska	L 516	Allow faculty and staff to carry firearms on college or university property (with 2/3 vote of governing body)	Bill Died in Committee	Session carries over to 2012
Nevada	SB 231	Would allow CCW holders to carry on property of Nevada System of Higher Education	Passed in Senate, died in Assembly	New session begins in 2012
New Hampshire	HB 334	Prohibit public or private entity (including colleges and universities) from regulating firearms on property	In Committee, carried over to 2012	Session carries over to 2012
New Mexico	HB 136	Allow CCW licensees to carry firearms on college/ univ. property	Died in Committee	New session begins in 2012

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North Carolina	HB 650	Would allow CCW holders to possess guns in locked containers in parking lots on campus	Provision deleted from bill.	Session carries over to 2012
Oklahoma	HB 1463	Allow CCW licensees to carry firearms on college or university property	In Committee, carried over to 2012	Session carries over to 2012
	HB 1652	Allows CCW licensees to store weapons in vehicle of technology center property	Signed into law	
Ohio	HB 256	Would do away with requirement for CCW license, and also allow guns on public and private college campuses	In Committee	Session carries over to 2012
Tennessee	SB 51	Allow faculty and staff to carry firearms on college or university property	Bill Withdrawn	Session carries over to 2012
	HB2014	Same as SB51	Bill withdrawn on 4/7	
Texas	H86	Allow CCW licensees to carry firearms on college or university property	Defeated	New session in 2013
	H750	Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on certain premises of or locations associated with schools or institutions of higher education	Defeated	
	SB354	Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of institutions of higher education.	Defeated	
Virginia	SB 1250	Prohibit any state entity (including colleges and universities) from regulating firearms on property	Failed in committee	Session carries over to 2012
Wisconsin	2011 WI Act 35	Allows the carrying of concealed weapons with a permit and provides no discretion to issuing authorities. Schools may post signs prohibiting guns in certain areas on campus	Signed into law	Session carries over to 2012
West Virginia	HB 3125	Prohibit college or university from regulating firearms on property	Died n Committee	New session begins in 2012