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# FORUM ON CONCEALED CARRY LAW IMPLEMENTATION

Thursday, October 15, 2015  
11:30-12:30

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# Guiding Priorities

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- Implement the requirements of the law
- Take the best possible actions to maintain a safe and secure campus for students, faculty, staff, and guests

# SB 11 – Campus Carry Law

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- Relates to the carrying of concealed handguns on campus by licensed permit holders.
- Campus means all land and buildings owned or leased by an institution.
- UT Tyler may establish rules, regulations, or other provisions concerning restricting handguns in certain facilities, after consulting with faculty, staff and students.

# SB 11 (continued)

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- UT Tyler **may not** adopt any rule, regulation, or other provision prohibiting license holders from carrying a handgun on the campus (i.e. no 'blanket ban').
- The Board of Regents shall review the campus provisions within a 90-day period and may amend the provisions with a 2/3 vote.
- UT Tyler must give effective notice with respect to any portion of the campus where license holders may not carry (exclusion zones).

# SB 11 (continued)

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- Not later than September 1 of all even numbered years, UT Tyler must file a report with the legislature to include the following:
  - Description of rules, regulations, and other provisions (exclusion zones)
  - Reasoning for establishment of each provision
- Section 4 requires that the handgun remain concealed and provides penalties if the handgun is wholly or partially visible, which raises the issue of storage (lockers).

# SB 273

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**Individuals may not prohibit license holders from carrying in areas which are not exclusion zones. The University may be fined for allowing such prohibitions.**

(a) Effective September 1, 2015, a state agency may not provide notice...that a license holder carrying a handgun...is prohibited from entering or remaining on the premises...unless license holders are prohibited from carrying a handgun on the premises...by Section 46.03 or 46.035, Penal Code.

(b) A state agency...that violates Subsection (a) is liable for a civil penalty of

- (1) not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$1,500 for the first violation; and
- (2) not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$10,500 for the second or a subsequent violation

(c) Each day of a continuing violation...constitutes a separate violation.

# Background & Facts

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- Currently, concealed handguns are allowed on certain parts of campus (parking lots, sidewalks)
- Campus Carry takes effect August 1, 2016
- Texas is the ninth state to allow guns on campus (Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Mississippi, Oregon, Utah, Wisconsin)

# Statutory Exclusion Zones

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These are areas where handguns are currently excluded by state law:

- Patient care areas, including clinics and hospitals (Chapter 241, Health & Safety Code)
- K-12 Schools and child care facilities, including “physical premises” or “grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by a school...is being conducted.”
- Sporting events – “collegiate sporting event or interscholastic event”
- Places where federal law, federal licensing requirements, or federal contracts require exclusion.



# Campus Carry Website

uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry

The screenshot shows the website for 'Campus Carry at UT Tyler'. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'UT Tyler Logins', 'Mobile', 'Library', 'Calendars', 'Maps', and 'Directory'. The main header features the University of Texas at Tyler logo and name, with the tagline 'A centerpiece for learning, culture and natural beauty'. A secondary navigation bar includes links for 'Links', 'Get to Know UT Tyler', 'Academics', 'Admissions', 'Cost & Financial Aid', 'Student Life', and 'Athletics'. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'UT TYLER » ABOUT UT TYLER » CAMPUS CARRY »'. The title is 'Campus Carry at UT Tyler'. The text describes the implementation of Senate Bill 11 in 2015, the university's stance on campus safety, and the formation of a Working Group. It provides contact information for the Working Group and a link to submit comments. A sidebar on the left contains a table of contents with links to 'Campus Carry', 'About Campus Carry', 'Working Group', 'From the Chancellor', 'Senate Bill 11', and 'Campus Carry at UT Tyler'. A 'CONTACT US' section at the bottom left provides the university's address, hours, and contact numbers. A 'MORE INFORMATION' section on the right contains links for 'From the Chancellor' and 'Read Senate Bill 11'.

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## Campus Carry at UT Tyler

### The University of Texas at Tyler

On June 1, 2015, Gov. Greg Abbott signed [Senate Bill 11](#), also known as the "campus carry" law. S.B. 11 provides that license holders may carry a concealed handgun throughout university campuses, starting Aug. 1, 2016. The law gives public universities some discretion to regulate campus carry.

The University of Texas at Tyler and President Rodney Mabry take issues surrounding guns on campus very seriously and will strive to create policies that conform to the new law, protect the rights of citizens, and ensure the safety and security of the entire campus.

President Mabry has established a nine-member [Working Group](#) to recommend S.B. 11 implementation policies by the end of November 2015. The Working Group will hold public forums on campus and welcomes your [comments](#). Visit the [Working Group](#) page for more information.

To submit a comment to the [Working Group](#) about campus carry, email [campuscarry@uttyler.edu](mailto:campuscarry@uttyler.edu).

**MORE INFORMATION**

**From the Chancellor**  
UT System Chancellor William McRaven issues statement about the passage of "campus carry" legislation. [Read more](#)

**Read Senate Bill 11**  
The "campus carry" law provides that license holders may carry a concealed handgun throughout university campuses. [Read more](#)

**CAMPUS CARRY**

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# UT Tyler Working Group

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# UT System Coordination

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- Each campus has formed a Working Group made up of various constituent bodies throughout campus to work through the main issues regarding exclusion zones, storage facilities, and signage
- Weekly conference calls between all UT campuses and UT System

# Approximate Timeline

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November 1, 2015: Consensus recommendations regarding any categories of space to be designated as exclusion zones at all campuses

December 4, 2015: Campus presidents submit preliminary campus plans to UT System Administration for review

December 11, 2015: UT System Administration provides feedback to campus presidents

December 18, 2015: Campus presidents submit final plans to UT System Administration for review by the Board of Regents

# Timeline (continued)

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February 10, 2016: Board of Regents meets and reviews campus plans

February 15, 2016: Campuses begin implementing plans

July 1, 2016: All new physical facilities such as storage lockers are in place, and acquisition of required elements such as signage is complete

August 1, 2016: Law takes effect

# Forum Open for Comments

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Please submit your notecards to Working Group members to allow for discussion of your question.

Special Guest – Paul Johnson, Certified CHL Instructor

The Town Hall will conclude at 12:30 p.m.

Possibility of future town hall meetings

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Please send any questions or comments  
to  
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