

# HB 1910 -- CONCEALED CARRY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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Currently, a concealed carry permit does not allow a person to carry concealed firearms into any higher education institution without the consent of the governing body of the institution or a school official.

This bill removes the prohibition on the carrying of concealed firearms into higher education institutions and instead provides a process for such institutions to apply to the Department of Public Safety for an exemption to the rule that concealed firearms may be carried on their property. If a higher education institution has received an exemption from the Public Safety Department and has posted the premises as being off-limits to concealed firearms as required by this act, then a person with a concealed carry permit is prohibited from carrying a concealed firearm on the property of the institution.

The bill requires the Department of Public Safety to grant an exemption for a higher education institution if the institution can demonstrate the permanent placement of security personnel and electronic weapons screening devices at each entrance to any building on the property, a requirement that security personnel screen each person entering the building for weapons, and a requirement that any weapons found be held by security personnel while the person is in the building.

This bill is the same as SB 731 (2016).