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Concealed Carry on Campus Bill Voted out of House Committee

Austin, TX - In a common-sense move related to campus crime and violence and in support of Second Amendment rights, the State of Texas House of Representatives considered legislation that would allow students, professors, teachers, and other personnel to carry firearms on the campuses of schools without a threat of violations, punishments or job loss.



Co-Author Representative Dan Flynn of District #2 including Van Zandt, Rains and Hunt Counties converses with Author Representative Joe Driver of Garland on the Concealed Carry on Campus Legislation during a hearing that lasted several hours and included many witnesses very passionately presenting their cases on both sides of the issue. The bill passed out of committee to the floor late in the evening.

After hours of public testimony, the Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee voted out House Bill 750, the Concealed Carry on Campus

Bill, late Wednesday evening. As Co-Author of the bill, Representative Dan Flynn (R-Van) stated, "I was gratified to be offered the opportunity to make the motion that allowed this important bill to be voted out of committee and onto the House floor for a full vote." Testimony revealed that many felt that the issue of guns on campus is a controversial one, but as this issue got its first hearing at the state Capitol on Wednesday the Representatives heard time after time about how College Campus's are not peaceful places of learning, but rather subject to the same crimes and violence as any city might be. "Texans deserve the same right of self protection that they have everywhere else."

The bill is not precedent setting as twenty three other states do not prohibit carrying on college campus location. In addition, only 21 years olds (unless you are in the military) may apply for and receive a Conceal Carry License so younger students would not have access to this type of license. The standing-room-only crowd staked their positions on the five House bills that would allow licensed handguns to be carried on public university and college campuses, at public junior colleges and at public technical schools and Representative Flynn supported all of them. HB 750 which was authored by Rep. Joe Driver (R-Garland) and co-authored by Representative Flynn, was approved by a vote of 5-3. "The Senate will be taking the same bill up next week and I expect a similar outcome," stated Flynn.

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