Senate Bill 11 “Campus Carry” Law

Senate Bill 11 (S.B.11), known as the “campus carry bill,” legalized the carrying of a concealed handgun by state handgun license holders on public college and university campuses. While this legislation took effect on university campuses August 1, 2016, the law does not go into effect for public community/junior colleges until August 1, 2017.

Currently, NO FIREARMS are allowed in Angelina College buildings or facilities. If you see anyone carrying a firearm on campus, call AC Security (936) 676-2563 immediately.

Additionally, law mandates each institution develop policies governing the carrying of a concealed weapon on their campuses. As a result, Dr. Michael Simon, Angelina College President, formed a campus carry taskforce comprising AC faculty, staff and students. This taskforce has the responsibility of developing policy recommendations for consideration by the college president and the AC Board of Trustees. As the work of this taskforce progresses, information related to the development of concealed carry policies will be updated on this page.

Campus and Community Communication Forum

The campus carry taskforce wants to give Angelina College campuses and community the opportunity to provide input. To provide comments regarding S.B.11, at Angelina College please utilize the email below to communicate your comments. Email Address: campuscarry@angeli

Below are a list of FAQs to further explain S.B.11:

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Texas’ “Campus Carry” Law?
   a. S.B.11 will take effect August 1, 2017; the law authorized individuals licensed to carry a handgun to carry a concealed handgun at a public junior college or public community college except in exclusionary areas established by the institution.

2. After August 1, 2017, who is allowed to conceal carry a handgun on AC campuses?
   a. Only those who have a valid Texas handgun license will be able to conceal carry lawfully.

3. Who do we go to if it is believed a person is unlawfully carrying a handgun?
   a. If you see anyone carrying a firearm on campus, call AC Security (936) 676-2563 immediately or dial 911.
4. Are handguns the only type of firearm to which campus carry applies?
   a. Yes, S.B.11 will make it legal for licensed holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, but not rifles and other weapons. Those items will remain prohibited at Angelina College.

5. If I see someone carrying and I suspect they are unlicensed, can I ask them?
   a. No, only a peace officer can approach the person and ask for his/her Texas handgun license.

6. Does the law allow AC to create policies regarding campus carry?
   a. Yes, the law allows colleges to adopt policies that prohibit license holders from carrying concealed handguns in SOME areas of the campus and to certain UIL and college sponsored events.

7. What is the difference between open carry and concealed carry?
   a. Open carry means the individual does not have to conceal the handgun from view as it is “open” for the public to see. No type of firearm can be carried “openly” on a college campus except by law enforcement officers.
   b. Concealed carry means the handgun must be carried on or about the license holder’s body at all times and the handgun cannot be openly discernible to the ordinary observation of a reasonable person.

8. Are handguns currently allowed on Angelina College campuses?
   a. No, there are no firearms of any kind allowed on any Angelina College campuses, including concealed handguns. Angelina College will have a policy in place effective August 1, 2017 to address the concealed carry laws.