CAMPUS CARRY

• On June 13, 2015, Governor Abbott signed Senate Bill 11, passed by the 84th Texas Legislature and known as the “Campus Carry” Law.

• Texas is the 8th U.S. State to allow concealed handguns on campus.

• Campus Carry Law is scheduled to go into effect Aug. 1, 2016.

• Campus Carry Law permits ONLY concealed handgun license holders to have a concealed weapon.
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- Campus Carry will allow licensed gun owners to carry concealed handguns into buildings on college campuses, except in locations that state law and West Texas A&M University establish as prohibited.

- Campus rule cannot “generally prohibit, or have the effect of prohibiting, licensed holders from carrying”

- “Campus Carry” is not “open carry”.

- License holders have been allowed to carry concealed handguns on campus (but not in buildings) for the past 20 years, since 1995.
**Gather data to make rule decisions**

- **Aug.- Nov. 2015**

**Committee suggestions to President O’Brien are due**

- **Nov. 15 2015**

**Deadline to submit draft rule to system policy office**

- **Feb. 1 2016**

**OGC and Chancellor review for legal sufficiency**

- **Feb.–March 1 2016**

**Board of Regents review and rule implementation**

- **Apr.–July 2016**

**Campus Carry Law and Rule becomes effective**

- **Aug. 1 2016**
License holder may not carry while intoxicated

Open carry is not permitted on university property

Meetings of government entities

In a qualified hospital

High school, collegiate or professional sporting event or interscholastic event

Polling place on the day of an election or while early voting is in progress

In or into a secured area of an airport
Facts about CHL

In Texas
- 2.7% of Texans 21 or over have a CHL
- The number is lower for the 21-30 age group
- .0031% of all convictions in Texas in 2013 were CHL holders
- .12% of CHLs were revoked in 2014
- 20-30% of CHL holders carry on a regular basis

On campus
- 3905 students are taking classes on campus who are 21
- 254 students live on campus who are 21 or older
- We can presume about 105 total and 7-10 students living on campus have a CHL
CONSIDERATIONS

Nature of the Student Population
• Locations where extreme psychological and/or emotional stress might temporarily impair judgment?

Specific Safety Considerations
• Where negligent handling of a weapon would result in potential catastrophic harm?

Uniqueness of the Campus Environment
• What similar events and/or locations exist where a CHL holder can’t carry under current law?
Texas Government Code, §411.2031, Carrying of Handguns by License Holders on Certain Campuses

Texas Penal Code §30.06, Trespass By Holder of License to Carry Concealed Handgun

Texas Penal Code, §46.03, Places Weapons Prohibited

Texas Penal Code, §46.035, Unlawful Carrying of Handgun by License Holder
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