

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 195

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Prohibits, with exceptions, a public postsecondary education institution from prohibiting a student from possessing self-defense chemical spray on campus

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3399.20, relative to postsecondary education; to prohibit public  
3 postsecondary education institutions from prohibiting the possession of self-defense  
4 chemical spray on campus; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; and  
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3399.20 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §3399.20. Self-defense chemical spray; possession on campus; exceptions

9 A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, no public  
10 postsecondary education institution shall prohibit students from possessing  
11 self-defense chemical spray on campus. For purposes of this Section, "self-defense  
12 chemical spray" means a device carried solely for purposes of lawful self-defense  
13 that is compact in size, designed to be carried on or about the person, and contains  
14 not more than two ounces of chemical.

15 B. A public postsecondary education institution may prohibit students from  
16 possessing self-defense chemical spray at any preschool, elementary school, or  
17 secondary school operated by the institution; at any patient care facility located on  
18 institutional property; and on campus in any building or at any event where armed  
19 security is provided or where such possession is prohibited by contract.

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DIGEST

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HB 195 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Prohibits, with exceptions, a public postsecondary education institution from prohibiting students from possessing self-defense chemical spray on campus.

Proposed law prohibits a public postsecondary education institution from prohibiting students from possessing self-defense chemical spray on campus. Defines "self-defense chemical spray" as a device carried solely for purposes of lawful self-defense that is compact in size, designed to be carried on or about the person, and contains not more than two ounces of chemical. Provides an exception to proposed law to allow an institution to prohibit students from possessing self-defense chemical spray at any preschool, elementary school, or secondary school operated by the institution; at any patient care facility located on institutional property; and on campus in any building or at any event where armed security is provided or where such possession is prohibited by contract.

(Adds R.S. 17:3399.20)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Provide additional exceptions to allow prohibition at any preschool, elementary school, or secondary school operated by the institution and at any patient care facility located on institutional property.