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## DIGEST

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HB 99 Original

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the carrying of firearms at colleges and universities.

Present law (R.S. 14:95) provides for the crime of illegal carrying of weapons. Further provides for penalties and exceptions.

Proposed law generally retains present law and provides an exception to this crime for any individual authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to proposed law.

Present law (R.S. 14:95.2) provides for the crime of carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon on school property, at school-sponsored functions, or in a firearm-free zone.

Proposed law generally retains present law but amends the definition of "school" to exclude the following:

- (1) A public college or university in this state.
- (2) A private or independent college or university in this state that is a recipient of any state funding.

Proposed law creates an exception to present law (R.S. 14:95.2) for any person who is 18 years of age or older, is lawfully permitted to possess a firearm under state and federal law, and who carries a firearm on the campus or in any building or facility on the campus of a public college or university in this state or a private or independent college or university that is a recipient of any state funding.

Present law (R.S. 14:95.6) provides for the establishment of firearm-free zones.

Proposed law generally retains present law but amends the definition of "school" to exclude the following:

- (1) A public college or university in this state.
- (2) A private or independent college or university in this state that is a recipient of any state funding.

Proposed law provides for a statement of legislative intent.

Proposed law authorizes any individual who is 18 years of age or older and who is lawfully permitted to possess a firearm under state and federal law to carry a firearm on the campus of any college or university in this state.

Proposed law defines the terms "college" or "university", "campus", and "individual".

Proposed law provides for certain locations where an individual is prohibited from carrying a firearm pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law provides that no student, faculty member, staff member, or visitor shall be subject to discipline, penalty, or retaliation solely for carrying a firearm pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law provides that certain restrictive firearm policies shall not be adopted, enacted, or enforced by any of the following:

- (1) The Board of Regents.
- (2) Any management board of a public college or university.
- (3) A public college or university.
- (4) A college or university that is a member of the La. Assoc. of Independent Colleges and Universities and accepts a student who is a recipient of financial assistance based on an Opportunity, Performance, Honors, or TOPS-Tech Award.

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.3) provides for statewide permits for concealed handguns.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.3(N)) provides for locations where an individual is prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun. Further provides that one of these locations is any school, school campus, or school bus as defined in present law (R.S. 14:95.6).

Proposed law retains present law, but amends the provision relative to any school, school campus, or school bus to provide an exception for individuals carrying a firearm pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law are severable if any provision of proposed law or its application is held invalid.

(Amends R.S. 14:95(A)(4)(a) and (b)(intro. para.), 95.2(A), (B)(3), and (C)(intro. para.), and 95.6(C)(1) and R.S. 40:1379.3(N)(11); Adds R.S. 14:95(A)(4)(b)(iv), 95.2(C)(10), and 95.11 and R.S. 17:3129.11, 3351.23, and 5068.1)