BILLS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION ROM BANNING LICENSED CONCEALED WEAPONS ON CAMPUS, 2011

This is the Texas law licensing concealed carry of handguns:
http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/crime_records/chl/tchlaws0102.pdf

Bills filed in 2011:

82(R) HB 750 - Introduced version - Bill Text
Author: Driver

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82(R) HB 1356 - Introduced version - Bill Text
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82(R) SB 354 - Introduced version - Bill Text
Author: Wentworth | et al.

Caption: Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of institutions of higher education.

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**Caption:** Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on certain premises of or locations associated with schools or public junior colleges and public technical institutes.

**Excerpt:** (c) In this section: (1) "Institution of higher education" and "private or independent institution of higher education" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code. SECTION 5. Section 46.11(c)(1), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows: (1) "Premises" has the meaning ["Institution of higher education" and "premises" have the meanings] assigned by Section 481.134, Health and Safety Code.
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H.B. 750, by Representative Joe Driver, which allows CHL holders to protect themselves on campuses of higher education. Both of these issues have been brought to the Texas House before, but due to the time constraints that exist during every session, they were unable to be passed into law. These are high priorities for my colleagues and me, and we will be working hard to ensure their passage.

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Caption Version: Introduced Caption: Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of institutions of higher education.
Texas state Senator Jeff Wentworth, a Republican from San Antonio and author of the bill, says that the legislation is intended to prevent gun violence at schools.

To follow the bill:

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**EMAILS SENT BY MURRAY LEAF IN 2009:**

Dear Senator Shapiro:
SB 1164 sponsored by Senator Wentworth allowing the concealed carry of handguns in campus buildings, and any bills like it, should be opposed. Faculty have enough to deal with without the possibility of students legally carrying concealed handguns in their classrooms. The Faculty of the Senate of the University of Texas at Dallas has voted unanimously in favor of a resolution expressing its opposition to any change in law that would allow weapons to be carried on campus by any other than authorized police officers. Similar resolutions have been passed by other campuses all across the state, and more will be. Student government bodies are also approving similar resolutions, although not by the same margins. This is a spectacularly ill conceived idea. It would very much complicate the problems of police in responding to armed incidents. It will also result in making it more difficult to recruit faculty to the state, and will probably spur the departure of some who are already here.

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Would the House pass a bill allowing concealed handguns in the chamber?

Dear Senator Wentworth:

Your bill, SB 1164, would in the opinion of virtually all faculty, administrators, and campus police make campuses more dangerous, not safer. Sponsoring a bill which they so strongly oppose shows extraordinary disrespect for their judgement and lack of regard for their safety. Faculty have enough to deal with without the possibility of students legally carrying concealed handguns in their classrooms.
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Your argument, as indicated by your website, is that we should not be "sitting ducks" for lunatics with guns. We agree--but consider the effect your bill would have. For enough people to be carrying weapons for a substantial likelihood that one or two would be in a class where such an attack occurred, the portion of those carrying such weapons would have to be from 1 in 20 to 1 in 40. On my campus, UT Dallas, this would mean that 400 people would have to carry a concealed handgun on campus at any point in time. What do you think the odds are that one of these 400
would blow up one day and start shooting than some else who does not have a concealed handgun license? Of course I realize that you also argue that very few students would qualify, but in that case what is the deterrence? We are dealing with people who are mentally unstable, not criminals calculating the risks and rewards of a possible armed robbery or burglary. Would you support allowing concealed handguns in the Senate gallery?