Overview of the Campus Carry Law (SB 11)

• Since Texas passed its CHL law (SB 273) in 1995, it has been legal for concealed handgun license holders to carry a concealed handgun on the grounds, but not the premises (i.e., in a building), of an institution of higher education.
• Senate Bill 11, the “Campus Carry” law, was passed by the Texas Legislature and signed into law by Governor Abbott on June 13, 2015.
• Effective August 1, 2016, a person having a license to carry a handgun may carry a concealed handgun on the campus – both on the grounds and in the buildings – of an institution of higher education. Open carry will still be illegal.

Open Carry / Display of Handguns

• With the exception of law enforcement officers, openly displaying a firearm is not, and will not be, allowed on campus.
• License holders commit a criminal offense if they intentionally or knowingly display a handgun in the plain view of another person on the campus unless the use of deadly force is justified under the law.

Printing

• “Printing” means that the outline, or portion of the outline, of a handgun is visible through clothing.
• Printing or unintentional exposure of a holstered handgun by a license holder is not a violation of the law.
• However, call the police if you observe a person other than a police officer with a firearm.

License to Carry a Concealed Handgun Requirements (Chapter 411, Subchapter H of the Texas Government Code)

• Must be at least 21 years old (at least 18 years old if a member or veteran of the U.S. military).
• Must have passed a background check.
• Must have satisfactorily completed basic handgun training specified by the State of Texas.
• Must be “capable of exercising sound judgment with respect to the proper use and storage of a handgun.”
• For a comprehensive list of requirements, please see: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/InternetForms/Forms/CHL-16.pdf

Who has a License to Carry a Concealed Handgun in Texas?

• In 2015, approximately 3% of Texas residents had a license to carry a concealed handgun.
• Approximately 15% of licenses to carry a concealed handgun are issued to individuals 18-29 years old.
• Approximately 85% of licenses to carry a concealed handgun are issued to individuals 30 years old or older.
• Applying the 3% of Texas population standard to the number of students and employees at PVAMU, there will be an estimated 288 CHL holders at PVAMU.
• In 2015, 0.2459% of those convicted of any kind of criminal offense in the State of Texas were CHL holders.
PVAMU Campus Carry Policy Development and Implementation

- In compliance with the requirements of the law, **PVAMU submitted its campus carry policy to the TAMUS Board of Regents for review and approval April 2016**. TAMUs Board approved the PVAMU rule w/ no amendments.
- Campus Carry Policy **has been published and is being distributed to employees and students**.
- 34.06.02.P2 Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus Rule: [https://www.pvamu.edu/policies/wp-content/uploads/sites/56/34.06.02.P1.pdf](https://www.pvamu.edu/policies/wp-content/uploads/sites/56/34.06.02.P1.pdf)
- Campus Carry Training and Awareness Presentations have been, and will continue to be, conducted.

Locations at Which License Holders Will Continue to be Prohibited from Carrying Concealed Handguns

- **H.T. Jones Elementary School**, and the school grounds when a school-sponsored activity is taking place on those grounds;
- All facilities where a **high school, collegiate or professional sporting event or interscholastic event is taking place**;
- The **Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel**;
- **Don K. Clark Building** where municipal court is held when court is in session;
- **Locations serving as polling places** when being used for that purpose;
- **Bistro 1876 Restaurant**
- **The Owens-Franklin Health Center Building**.
- **Any locations determined by the President** to be necessary due to campus safety considerations.

Training and Awareness

- **PVAMU is taking steps to provide information, education and training about the implications of S.B. 11 and how license holders should conduct themselves**:
  - Campus Carry Website [http://www.pvamu.edu/campuscarry/](http://www.pvamu.edu/campuscarry/)
    - FAQs
    - Videos
    - Links to Additional Resources
  - Training Sessions & Awareness Presentations
    - Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni, Campus Partners