

MEMORANDUM

To: USG Presidents
Cc: USG Chief Business Officers

From: Daryl Griswold, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs

RE: Guns on Campus

Date: June 14, 2010

As you have probably heard, SB 308 was signed into law by Governor Perdue on June 8, 2010. This bill makes the following changes to Georgia law regarding guns on campuses of the University System of Georgia:

- Eliminates the 1,000 foot buffer (the school safety zone now extends only to the boundary lines of the campus)
- Allows a person holding a valid license (including a student) to keep a weapon in his or her parked vehicle on campus or when transiting through a campus
- Allows a person holding a valid license to keep a weapon in his or her possession or in a locked compartment or firearms rack when picking up or dropping off a student
- Makes a violation of the law by a person holding a license a misdemeanor as opposed to a felony (violation by any other person remains a felony)

These changes were effective with the signing of the law. No Board of Regents Policy is affected by these changes; however, each campus will need to review its internal policies and procedures regarding enforcement. The System Office will be working with the public safety office at each USG campus in this regard.

Please contact the Office of Legal Affairs at 404-656-2221 or Bruce Holmes, Director of Safety & Security, at 404-656-2247 if you have any questions.

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