

2.4.1 Firearms and Weapons

As of January 1, 1996, carrying concealed handguns in the State of Texas became legal. Individuals who qualify under the State statute to carry a concealed handgun should be aware of applicable provisions of the concealed handgun law.

S.B. 11 also authorizes a private institution of higher education, after consulting with students, staff, and faculty of the institution, to establish rules, regulations, or other provisions prohibiting license holders from carrying handguns on the campus of the institution, any grounds or building on which an activity sponsored by the institution is being conducted, or a passenger transportation vehicle owned by the institution. [S.B. 11, Sec. 411.2031 (e).

In accordance with the S.B. 11 'opt-out' clause; Huston-Tillotson University, after consulting with our campus constituents and endorsement from the Huston-Tillotson University Board of Trustees, has elected to prohibit the carrying of concealed or open carry handguns including, but not limited to, the following areas:

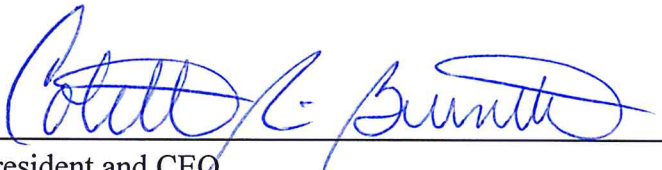
- On any University property, including any building or land under the control or ownership of the institution;
- University parking lots;
- Any University vehicle, including cars, vans and buses; and
- Off campus sporting events and University sponsored activities.

An important exception to the "opt out" discretion provided in S.B. 11 to private or independent institutions of higher education pertains to S.B. 1907, which became effective on September 1, 2013 (now codified at Texas Gov't Code, §411.2032). S.B. 1907 prohibits both private and public institutions of higher education from adopting or enforcing any rule (including posting notice under Section 30.06), prohibiting or placing restrictions on a license holder from the storage or transportation of a firearm or ammunition in a locked privately owned or leased motor vehicle, on a street, driveway or parking area located on the campus of the institution.


This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the University, with the exception for Law Enforcement Officers.

Prosecution will be pursued against violators of any section of this law.

This policy becomes effective upon approval by the President and CEO of Huston-Tillotson University and remains in effect until amended.



President and CEO



Date