

House Bill 29

By: Representatives Gregory of the 34th, Setzler of the 35th, Spencer of the 180th, Braddock of the 19th, Duncan of the 26th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to repeal prohibitions
3 against carrying a firearm on to postsecondary institution campuses; to provide a short title;
4 to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Campus Carry Act of 2013."

8 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

9 Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of Code
11 Section 16-11-127, relating to carrying weapons in unauthorized locations and penalties, as
12 follows:

13 "(3) 'Government building' means:

14 (A) The building in which a government entity is housed;

15 (B) The building where a government entity meets in its official capacity; provided,
16 however, that if such building is not a publicly owned building, such building shall be
17 considered a government building for the purposes of this Code section only during the
18 time such government entity is meeting at such building; or

19 (C) The portion of any building that is not a publicly owned building that is occupied
20 by a government entity;

21 provided, however, that such term shall not mean the campus of any public or private
22 technical school, vocational school, college, university, or institution of postsecondary
23 education."

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 Said part is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section
26 16-11-127.1, relating to carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions,
27 or on school property, as follows:

28 "(1) 'School safety zone' means in or on any real property owned by or leased to any
29 public or private elementary school, secondary school, or school board and used for
30 elementary or secondary education ~~and in or on the campus of any public or private~~
31 ~~technical school, vocational school, college, university, or institution of postsecondary~~
32 ~~education."~~

33 **SECTION 4.**

34 Said part is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 16-11-127.1, relating
35 to carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on school property,
36 as follows:

37 "(f) In a prosecution under this Code section, a map produced or reproduced by any
38 municipal or county agency or department for the purpose of depicting the location and
39 boundaries of the area of the real property of a school board or a private or public
40 elementary or secondary school that is used for school purposes ~~or the area of any campus~~
41 ~~of any public or private technical school, vocational school, college, university, or~~
42 ~~institution of postsecondary education~~, or a true copy of the map, shall, if certified as a true
43 copy by the custodian of the record, be admissible and shall constitute prima-facie evidence
44 of the location and boundaries of the area, if the governing body of the municipality or
45 county has approved the map as an official record of the location and boundaries of the
46 area. A map approved under this Code section may be revised from time to time by the
47 governing body of the municipality or county. The original of every map approved or
48 revised under this subsection or a true copy of such original map shall be filed with the
49 municipality or county and shall be maintained as an official record of the municipality or
50 county. This subsection shall not preclude the prosecution from introducing or relying
51 upon any other evidence or testimony to establish any element of this offense. This
52 subsection shall not preclude the use or admissibility of a map or diagram other than the
53 one which has been approved by the municipality or county."

54 **SECTION 5.**

55 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
56 without such approval.

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SECTION 6.

58 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.