

THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
POLICY CONCERNING CAMPUS CARRY OF
CONCEALED HANDGUNS FOR ITS JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS LOCATED AT
1530 EAST PINE, JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS 75766

The 84th Legislature passed Senate Bill 11, which expands the areas on public university campuses where those with licenses may carry concealed handguns. Additionally, the law allows private or independent institutions of higher education, including the Seminary, 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 concealed or a passenger transportation vehicle owned by the institution.

It is the position of this institution that allowing law-abiding citizens to possess a concealed handgun may enhance the safety of all persons located on the campus, possibly deter violence from occurring, and limit the mayhem resulting from violent attacks by wrongdoers. Senate Bill 11 is not to be confused with House Bill 910 which became effective January 1, 2016, which permits open-carry. Neither House Bill 910 nor Senate Bill 11 permits open-carry on a campus of an institution of higher education in this State. Accordingly, notice is hereby provided that after consultation with students, staff and faculty of the Institution, the BMA Theological Seminary has established the following rules, regulations and other provisions concerning concealed-carry of handguns on the Jacksonville, Texas campus of the Institution as follows:

- I. An individual may carry a concealed handgun on the Seminary's campus, but only after having complied with the following requirements:
 - a. The person provides evidence to the Dean of Students, or his designee, of holding a handgun license (formerly known as a concealed handgun license);
 - b. The person allows the Dean of Students, or his designee, to retain a photo copy of the license for the person's file;
 - c. The person maintains a valid handgun license. Any such person must inform the Dean of Students, or his designee, in the event such person no longer holds a valid handgun license; and
 - d. The person receives written permission from the Dean of Students to carry a handgun on campus.

II. License holders who are employees are permitted to store a handgun in his/her office space so long as the gun is secured in a locked drawer or compartment.

III. Rules, regulations and other provisions concerning the storage of handguns in dormitories or other residential facilities that are owned or leased and operated by the institution and located on the campus of the institution:

a. Anyone residing in Seminary owned student housing must store handguns:

1. Where they are inaccessible to unauthorized persons, particularly children under the age of 17 years of age;
2. In a locked and hard storage case, gun vaults, safe, cabinet or strong box intended for the storage of guns; and
3. Any such storage compartment shall be subject to inspection at any time by the Dean of Students, or his designee.

b. It is the policy of the Seminary that the following are highly encouraged but not strictly mandated:

1. Firearms be unloaded when stored; and
2. All students, faculty and staff should familiarize themselves with general firearm laws of the State of Texas and the United States of American, including child access prevention laws;

IV. Any person found to be violation of the BMA Seminary's policies set forth above shall be subject to the revocation or denial of permission to carry or store handguns or other firearms on campus, and shall be subject to prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.