

Chicago Sun Times: Texas set to OK concealed guns on campus

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AUSTIN, Texas — Texas is preparing to give college students and professors the right to carry guns on campus, adding momentum to a national campaign to open this part of society to firearms.

More than half the members of the Texas House have signed on as co-authors of a measure directing universities to allow concealed handguns. The Senate passed a similar bill in 2009 and is expected to do so again. Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who sometimes packs a pistol when he jogs, has said he's in favor of the idea.

It would become the second state, following Utah, to pass such a law. Supporters argue that gun violence on campuses, such as the shootings at Northern Illinois in 2008, show that the best defense against a gunman is students who can shoot back. AP

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