Current law prohibits private individuals from carrying firearms on educational campuses. HB199, lifts the restriction for College, University, Community Colleges and post-secondary Vocational Schools for any individual who has been licensed to carry a concealed weapon. HB 199 also prohibits the governing bodies of such institutions from infringing on this freedom. The bill has been pre-filed and assigned to the House Committee on Criminal Justice. The bill is co-authored by the chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, Representative Ernest Wooten and a second member of the committee, Representative Mack White.

Faculty senates should consider taking action on this issue.

If you would like to contact your own representatives about this bill, you can find them by going to this link: http://www.legis.state.la.us/howdoi2.htm#9

If you decide to write your representatives, you may want to refer to Commissioner Savoie’s comments quoted in this newspaper account. http://www.2theadvocate.com/news/17120396.html