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A Resolution from the Texas Association of College Teachers

Whereas, the Texas Association of College Teachers recognizes that the colleges and universities of Texas exist for the benefit of the students of these institutions and the people who support them, and believes that the people of Texas want, and should have, the best education system for higher education in the nation, and dedicate ourselves to the development of a program designed to assist all like-minded persons and groups in attaining excellence in higher education in Texas and that such institutions should continue to provide their students with a safe and secure environment in which to learn;

And whereas, it is proposed in the Texas Legislature that eligible persons be allowed to carry concealed handguns on Texas' college campuses;

And whereas, college students are in a serious state of transition in their lives and are being introduced to new influences and substances which may change their behavior and may in turn increase the likelihood of episodes of violent acts involving handguns if students have the legal right to carry such weapons on their campuses;

And whereas, the PoliceOne website has found that, outside the Virginia Tech incident, only 13 instances of handgun-related homicides occurred on college campuses from 2000-2008. And of those 13 incidents, five were graduate students killing their advisors and then themselves;

And whereas, many university leaders and students in Texas have voiced their opposition to this legislation, including a recent referendum passed by the student body of Texas A&M University;

Therefore be it resolved that the Texas Association of College Teachers strongly opposes any legislation that will allow the carrying of concealed handguns on college campuses.