

Senator David L. Gladwell proposes the following substitute bill:

SECURE FACILITIES AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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This act modifies provisions related to security procedures at state institutions of higher education by authorizing the State Board of Regents to adopt and authorize institutions of higher education to adopt rules to provide for security in or about designated institutional hearing rooms or to establish institutional hearing rooms as secure areas as prescribed in Section 76-8-311.1. The act makes technical changes and provides an effective date.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

53B-3-103, as last amended by Chapter 116, Laws of Utah 1997

76-8-311.1, as last amended by Chapter 97, Laws of Utah 1999

76-10-523.5, as enacted by Chapter 164, Laws of Utah 1996

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53B-3-103** is amended to read:

53B-3-103. Power of board to adopt rules and enact regulations.

(1) The board may enact regulations governing the conduct of university and college students, faculty, and employees.

(2) The board may:

(a) enact and authorize higher education institutions to enact traffic, parking, and related regulations governing all individuals on campuses and other facilities owned or controlled by the institutions or the board[-]; and

(b) adopt and authorize higher education institutions to adopt rules to provide for security in or about designated institutional hearing rooms or to establish no more than one secure area for



26 a hearing room as prescribed in Section 76-8-311.1.

27 (3) The board and institutions may enforce these rules and regulations in any reasonable
28 manner, including the assessment of fees, fines, and forfeitures, the collection of which may be by
29 withholding from moneys owed the violator, the imposition of probation, suspension, or expulsion
30 from the institution, the revocation of privileges, the refusal to issue certificates, degrees, and
31 diplomas, through judicial process or any reasonable combination of these alternatives.

32 Section 2. Section **76-8-311.1** is amended to read:

33 **76-8-311.1. Secure areas -- Items prohibited -- Penalty.**

34 (1) In addition to the definitions in Section 76-10-501, as used in this section:

35 (a) "Correctional facility" has the same meaning as defined in Section 76-8-311.3.

36 (b) "Explosive" has the same meaning as defined for "explosive, chemical, or incendiary
37 device" defined in Section 76-10-306.

38 (c) "Law enforcement facility" means a facility which is owned, leased, or operated by a
39 law enforcement agency.

40 (d) "Mental health facility" has the same meaning as defined in Section 62A-12-202.

41 (e) (i) "Secure area" means any area into which certain persons are restricted from
42 transporting any firearm, ammunition, dangerous weapon, or explosive.

43 (ii) A "secure area" may not include any area normally accessible to the public.

44 (2) (a) A person in charge of a correctional, law enforcement, or mental health facility may
45 establish secure areas within the facility and may prohibit or control by rule any firearm,
46 ammunition, dangerous weapon, or explosive.

47 (b) Subsections (2)(a), (3), (4), (5), and (6) apply to higher education institution hearing
48 rooms referred to in Subsection 53B-3-103(2)(b).

49 (3) At least one notice shall be prominently displayed at each entrance to an area in which
50 a firearm, ammunition, dangerous weapon, or explosive is restricted.

51 (4) (a) Provisions shall be made to provide a secure weapons storage area so that persons
52 entering the secure area may store their weapons prior to entering the secure area.

53 (b) The entity operating the facility shall be responsible for weapons while they are stored
54 in the storage area.

55 (5) It is a defense to any prosecution under this section that the accused, in committing the
56 act made criminal by this section, acted in conformity with the facility's rule or policy established

57 pursuant to this section.

58 (6) (a) Any person who knowingly or intentionally transports into a secure area of a facility
59 any firearm, ammunition, or dangerous weapon is guilty of a third degree felony.

60 (b) Any person violates Section 76-10-306 who knowingly or intentionally transports,
61 possesses, distributes, or sells any explosive in a secure area of a facility.

62 Section 3. Section **76-10-523.5** is amended to read:

63 **76-10-523.5. Compliance with rules for secure facilities.**

64 Any person, including a person licensed to carry a concealed firearm under Title 53,
65 Chapter 5, Part 7, Concealed Weapons, shall comply with any rule established for secure facilities
66 pursuant to Sections 53B-3-103, 76-8-311.1, 76-8-311.3, and 78-7-6 and shall be subject to any
67 penalty provided in those sections.

68 Section 4. **Effective date.**

69 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this act takes effect
70 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
71 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the
72 date of veto override.