

Comment on SB347

Laws such as that proposed in SB347 which seek to establish “gun free” zones, particularly in prohibiting carry by vetted Concealed Handgun License holders, are a solution in search of a problem. Historically CHL holders have not proven to be danger to others and this is not likely to change.

Victims of violence are the true First Responders as they can react instantly. The armed guard across campus—as in the case of Columbine—takes precious minutes to arrive and is far more likely to be part of the clean up crew rather than protector. For this reason, lawmakers and other officials denying victims of violent crimes options for self defense other than self urination, throwing erasers and chalk places bear the guilt of those deaths. Those who insist on denying potential victims so much as an option for self defense are guilty of mandating that the victims' only option is death.

The most common excuse for mandating death as the only option usually seems to come down to a feeling on the part of lawmakers or officials that the potential victims are too, stupid, too incompetent or inherently evil to be permitted a choice.

I sincerely urge that SB347 and similar bills be vetoed.

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