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TO: The University System of Georgia Community
FROM: Chancellor Steve Wrigley
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RE: House Bill 280

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effect on July 1. I understand that many of you have strong feelings about this bill. Yet, whether you opposed or supported the legislation, it will soon be state law and I respectfully ask everyone to exercise patience, understanding and respect as we implement it. We all share the same goal of ensuring a safe campus environment. We should work together to implement the law as written and thoughtfully address any complications that may arise.

Below are guidelines developed by the Office of Legal Affairs for the implementation of House Bill 280 that must be followed on all University System campuses beginning on July 1.

While current law already allows license holders to keep weapons secured in

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within a manner that generally keeps it out of the view of others.

There are a number of exceptions to the new law that limit the places on campus where handguns may be carried. Even license holders may not carry a handgun into the following locations on college/university owned or leased property:

- Buildings and property used for athletic sporting events. This exception includes stadiums, gymnasiums and similar facilities in which intercollegiate games are staged (but does not extend to the gates of the sports facility). It does not extend to student recreation centers and similar facilities that are not used for intercollegiate games.
- Student housing facilities including residence halls and similar buildings where students live such as fraternity and sorority houses.

