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MEMORANDUM

To:

Chairman Barker

Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From:

Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date:

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Subject:

HB 2220 – Postsecondary educational institution firearm policy

restrictions.

House Bill No. 2220 (HB 2220) would enact a new statute to be part of the Personal and Family Protection Act (Act). Section 1 of HB 2220 would prohibit the Board of Regents or any postsecondary educational institution from adopting or enforcing any policy governing the ownership, possession, storage, carrying, manner of carrying, or transporting of concealed handguns or ammunition that is not permitted under the Act. This prohibition would apply to any public university, municipal university, community college, or technical college.

Current law would permit policies authorizing employees to carry a concealed handgun in buildings of an institution pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7c10. Additionally, policies could be adopted regarding the prohibition of concealed handguns in accordance with K.S.A. 75-7c20, which generally requires adequate security measures to be in place in order to prohibit the carrying of concealed handguns.

Any existing policy that is not in compliance with Section 1 would be null and void as of July 1, 2017.

If enacted the provisions of HB 2220 would be effective on July 1, 2017.