

Comment by David Felbeck, legislative analyst for MCRGO:

SB 747 removes college classrooms and dormitories from the prohibited list for concealed pistol licensees. Many of the mass killings on college campuses have taken place in classrooms and dormitories. Why must we continue to maintain the fiction that these places would be safer if only criminals can be armed? Experience after experience has demonstrated that by the time the police show up, most of the damage has been done.

Colleges in Utah permit concealed carry everywhere, by state law, and to date there has been no mayhem of the sort that the nay-sayers always predict. We should pass a similar law before we have to face a mass killing at a Michigan college.

Much of the criticism has been leveled at the extreme youth of college students. These uninformed critics either don't know or don't want us to know that a licensee must be 21 years old, thus excluding most undergraduates. Further, the question of alcohol on campus is misplaced as most alcohol-related problems occur off campus at local bars.

The Judiciary Committee is urged to approve this important legislation. No mayhem has ever resulted from allowing concealed pistol licensees to be present, and none will happen here. We have over eight years of concealed carry in Michigan and none of the dire predictions has occurred.

Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

David K. Felbeck  
2060 Scottwood  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
734-994-6662  
felbeck@umich.edu