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Kansas House Committee Endorses Conceal Carry Bill

A Kansas House committee has endorsed a bill expanding the number of public buildings where people with concealed-carry permits may bring firearms.

The Federal and State Affairs Committee also amended the measure Tuesday to allow local school boards and state university and college presidents to designate employees who can carry concealed weapons inside their buildings, even if their institutions don't generally allow it.

The committee's voice vote sent the bill to the House for debate.

Kansas now prohibits concealed firearms in most government buildings.

The bill would let the state, cities, counties and townships ban concealed guns in their buildings only if they had electronic equipment and officers at public entrances to check for weapons.

Public institutions of higher learning could still exempt themselves from the requirement for four years.

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