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APRIL 17, 2014

SUBJECT

Amendment to Board Policy V.L. (I.R) Campus Security

APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

Governing Policies and Procedures Section V.R. Campus Security
Section 18-3309(2), Idaho Code

REFERENCE

August 2009 Board approved the removal of references to the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, the Idaho Historical Society and the Idaho Commission for Libraries from the all of the Boards Governing Policies and Procedures.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

During the 2014 legislative session Senate Bill 1254 passed allowing for the concealed carry of firearms on public college and university grounds for certain licensed persons. The institutions under the direct governance of the Board have asked that the Board look at implementing a Board policy that would provide additional guidance on the implementation of changes in response to the Bill.

Current Board Policy Section V.R. outlines the requirements for each institution to develop a campus security plan. The legal counsel from each of the four (4) year institutions have worked closely with the Board's legal counsel over the past several weeks and are proposing the language outlined in Attachment 1 prohibiting the carrying of firearms, including open carry, on campus, except under specific circumstances and as allowed in Section 18-3309(2), Idaho Code. Additionally after review of the existing policy staff has determined the policy would be better placed if it were to be moved from Board Policy Section V. Financial Affairs to Board Policy Section I. General Governing Policies and Procedures. While there is a financial impact to the implementation of campus security plans, Section I, contains the other provisions in Board policy relevant to facilities, planning, and reporting.

IMPACT

Proposed changes would make it clear to the institutions that firearms are only allowed on campus as described in section 18-3309(2), Idaho Code or allowed by the institution as part of a campus security plan, or as part of an event or program approved by the chief executive officer of the institution.

ATTACHMENTS

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STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff shared the proposed amendments with the Institution Presidents during the April Presidents' Council meeting. The Presidents asked questions regarding the inclusion of language that would specify how to treat facilities that were shared with K-12 programs. This specific question was discussed with institution legal counsel and it was determined that specific language regarding that issue should not be included in the policy. The Board and institution legal counsels will be available to answer questions.

BOARD ACTION

I move to approve the first reading of Board Policy I.R. as submitted in Attachment 1.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Carried Yes _____ No _____

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Idaho State Board of Education
GOVERNING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
SECTION: VI. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
Subsection: LR. Campus Security

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1. An environment of safety and security is critical for institutions to cultivate a climate conducive to knowledge and learning. The Board recognizes a need for the consistency among the institutions in regard to firearms. All institutions shall allow concealed carry of firearms and ammunition by holders of licenses described in section 18-3309(2), Idaho Code under the conditions and limitations set out in that section. Any other possession of firearms on institution property is prohibited, unless allowed by the institution as part of a campus security plan, or as part of event or program, which has been approved by the chief executive office for the institution.

42. Each institution must develop a campus security plan to maintain the physical security of persons and property on the campus and in full cooperation with state and local law enforcement agencies.

23. Overall responsibility for campus security rests with the chief executive officer of the institution. Each chief executive officer must designate a senior administrative officer and an alternate to serve as liaison between the institution and state and local law enforcement agencies.

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