

# ACT No. 421

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 195

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3399.20, relative to postsecondary education; to prohibit public  
3 postsecondary education institutions from prohibiting the possession of self-defense  
4 chemical spray on campus; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; and  
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3399.20 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §3399.20. Self-defense chemical spray; possession on campus; exceptions

9 A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, no public  
10 postsecondary education institution shall prohibit students from possessing  
11 self-defense chemical spray on campus. For purposes of this Section, "self-defense  
12 chemical spray" means a device carried solely for purposes of lawful self-defense  
13 that is compact in size, designed to be carried on or about the person, and contains  
14 not more than two ounces of chemical.

1                    B. A public postsecondary education institution may prohibit students from  
2                    possessing self-defense chemical spray at any preschool, elementary school, or  
3                    secondary school operated by the institution; at any patient care facility located on  
4                    institutional property; and on campus in any building or at any event where armed  
5                    security is provided or where such possession is prohibited by contract.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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