

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 421 (HB 195)

2026 Regular Session

Bayham

New law prohibits a public postsecondary education institution from prohibiting students from possessing self-defense chemical spray on campus. Defines "self-defense chemical spray" as a device carried solely for purposes of lawful self-defense that is compact in size, designed to be carried on or about the person, and contains not more than two ounces of chemical. Provides an exception to new law to allow an institution to prohibit students from possessing self-defense chemical spray at any preschool, elementary school, or secondary school operated by the institution; at any patient care facility located on institutional property; and on campus in any building or at any event where armed security is provided or where such possession is prohibited by contract.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 17:3399.20)