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## **REPRESENTATIVE BORRELLI INTRODUCES BILL TO INCREASE CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT OWNER'S RIGHTS ON PUBLIC COLLEGE CAMPUSES**

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Friday, January 8, 2015)** – Representative Sonny Borrelli today dropped HB2072, which would allow students and faculty at a public university, college, or community college to possess a weapon if they have a concealed weapon permit.

The bill would allow any registered student or faculty at any public university, college, or community college the ability to carry a concealed weapon if they have a legal permit from the Department of Public Safety. The individual would have to go thru firearms training and multiple background checks, including criminal and mental health checks.

Individuals who have a concealed weapon permit must continue to notify the institution's administration where the individual possesses a permit. Additionally, the bill would put into effect that public universities, colleges, or community colleges must continue to use the guidelines for the use of a firearm in an active shooter incident from the FBI or Department of Homeland Security protocols. In this case, these guidelines are the same for anyone in an active shooter incident, "evacuate if you can, hide out if not, and stand your ground if need be."

Rep. Borelli stated, "An individual should be able to defend themselves if the need arises. It is paramount that students and faculty also have this right. A conversation must be started about the failed university and college policies that don't allow faculty or students to defend themselves that is permitted by the state and that is their right under both U.S. and Arizona Constitution."

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