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Bill search

Search for bills related to openly carrying handguns on the [Texas Legislature Online](#):

Try the phrase "openly carry" with the Word/Phrase radio button selected.

Much of the proposed legislation relating to openly carrying handguns would amend current law related to the licensed, concealed carrying of handguns. Try searching for bills with the subject "[CONCEALED HANDGUNS](#)."

To cast a wider net, search for bills using the subject "[Weapons](#)."

Resources

"[Open carry bills on fast-track in Texas Senate](#)," Texas Politics blog, *The Houston Chronicle*, February 2, 2015.

"[A week after dismissing open carry's chances, Lt. Gov. Patrick puts it on the front burner](#)," Trail Blazers Blog, *The Dallas Morning News*, February 2, 2015.

"[While Texas holds out, majority of U.S. allows open carry](#)," *The Houston Chronicle*, January 29, 2015.

"[Open Carry Survives Despite Its Supporters](#)," *Texas Tribune*, January 28, 2015.

"[Map: Where Is 'Open Carry' Legal?](#)" *The Wall Street Journal*, August 22, 2014.

Related topics

"[Growing Public Support for Gun Rights](#)," Pew Research Center, December 10, 2014.

[Guns on Campus: Overview](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, March 7, 2014.