

## **June 27, 2013 Board Meeting**

### **Personal and Family Protection Act** **(Senate Substitute for House Bill 2052)**

**Detail:** Senate Substitute for House Bill 2052 provides that the governing body of Post-secondary educational institutions may exempt any building of such institution from the provisions of Section 2 of the Act for a period of four years. The Board would be required to pass a resolution exempting the college from the provisions of Section 2 of the act and will need to provide the reasons for the exemption to the Kansas Attorney General.

With the Board's approval, Resolution 2013-02 meets the requirement to exempt Barton for a period of four years.

#### **Reasons to Exempt Barton from the legislation:**

- a. Provided adequate time to determine the implications and costs of complying with the provisions of the act.
- b. The major insurance companies (EMC is our current insurer) will not insure institutions that allow employees to carry weapons (does not include certified law enforcement employees).
- c. Without adequate training, it is extremely difficult to quickly recognize what is happening during the first minute of a violent incident. Concern of individuals lacking the proper emergency response training and how these individuals may react to an emergency situation.
- d. Potential danger to 1<sup>st</sup> responders as well as individuals carrying concealed weapons.
- e. Allowing weapons on the campus would not create a positive effect on campus safety, and may decrease the overall safety of Barton's students, faculty, and staff.
- f. Allowing weapons on campus would surely increase the number of unknown weapons on campus and the potential for increased violence.

**Recommendation:** The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve resolution 2013-02, exempting Barton Community College from the provisions of Section 2 of House Bill 2052 for a period of four years.