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Bill Allowing Concealed Guns without Permit Approved

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - The Kansas Senate has approved a bill to allow people to carry concealed guns without requiring them to get a state permit or take training classes.

The vote Thursday was 31-7 and sends the measure to the House.

The bill is sponsored by 26 of the chamber's 40 members, led by Majority Leader Terry Bruce.

A state concealed carry permit costs \$132.50, and a person must undergo eight hours of training to get one.

Gun-rights groups note Kansas has long allowed the open carrying of weapons without a state permit. The bill's critics say training should be mandated for people carrying concealed weapons.

The National Rifle Association says Alaska, Arizona, Vermont and Wyoming don't require permits to carry concealed anywhere in the state.

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