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HOUSE BILL 110\*  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/10/19

Short Title: Protect Religious Meeting Places.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 20, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENACT THE RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY SECURITY AND PROTECTION ACT  
OF 2019.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** This act shall be known as "The Religious Assembly Security and  
Protection Act of 2019."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 14-269.2(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(1c) School operating hours. – Any time when curricular or extracurricular  
activities are taking place on the premises and any time when the premises are  
being used for educational, instructional, or school-sponsored activities."

**SECTION 3.** G.S. 14-269.2 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(k1) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a person who has a concealed handgun  
permit that is valid under Article 54B of this Chapter, or who is exempt from obtaining a permit  
pursuant to that Article, if all of the following conditions apply:

(1) The person possesses and carries a handgun on educational property that is  
not an institution of higher education as defined by G.S. 116-143.1 or a  
nonpublic, postsecondary educational institution.

(2) The educational property is the location of both a school and a building that is  
a place of religious worship.

(3) The weapon is a handgun.

(4) The handgun is only possessed and carried on educational property outside of  
the school operating hours.

For the purposes of this subsection, a building that is a place of religious worship is as defined  
in G.S. 14-54.1, but does not include property owned by a local board of education or county  
commission."

**SECTION 4.** G.S. 14-415.11(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Except as provided in G.S. 14-415.27, a permit does not authorize a person to carry  
a concealed handgun in any of the following:

(1) Areas prohibited by G.S. 14-269.2, 14-269.3, and 14-277.2, except as allowed  
under G.S. 14-269.2(k1).

(1a) Areas prohibited by G.S. 14-269.3 and G.S. 14-277.2.

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**SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses  
committed on or after that date.



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