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SENATE BILL 43
Judiciary Committee Substitute Adopted 2/23/21

Short Title: Protect Religious Meeting Places.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 3, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENACT THE RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY SECURITY AND PROTECTION ACT
3 OF 2021.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known as "The Religious Assembly Security and
6 Protection Act of 2021."

7 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 14-269.2(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
8 "(1c) School operating hours. – Any time when curricular or extracurricular
9 activities are taking place on the premises and any time when the premises are
10 being used for educational, instructional, or school-sponsored activities."

11 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 14-269.2 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
12 "(k1) For the purposes of this subsection, property owned by a local board of education or
13 county commission shall not be construed as a building that is a place of religious worship as
14 defined in G.S. 14-54.1. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a person who has a
15 concealed handgun permit that is valid under Article 54B of this Chapter, or who is exempt from
16 obtaining a permit pursuant to that Article, if all of the following conditions apply:

- 17 (1) The person possesses and carries a handgun on educational property other than
18 an institution of higher education as defined by G.S. 116-143.1 or a nonpublic,
19 postsecondary educational institution.
20 (2) The educational property is the location of both a school and a building that is
21 a place of religious worship as defined in G.S. 14-54.1.
22 (3) The weapon is a handgun.
23 (4) The handgun is only possessed and carried on educational property outside of
24 the school operating hours.
25 (5) The person or persons in legal possession or control of the premises have not
26 posted a conspicuous notice prohibiting the carrying of a concealed handgun
27 on the premises in accordance with G.S. 14-415.11(c)."

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

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

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

33 (1a) Areas prohibited by G.S. 14-269.3 and G.S. 14-277.2.

34 "...."

35 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2021.

