



SENATE BILL 78: Off-Duty Correctional Officers/Conceal Carry

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Committee:

Introduced by:

Analysis of: S.L. 2015-5

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SUMMARY: *S.L. 2015-5 allows State correctional officers to carry a concealed weapon when off-duty. If the concealed weapon is a handgun, the officer must meet departmental firearms training standards.*

This act became effective December 1, 2015.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 14-269(b) lists several classes of persons that are exempt from the general prohibition against carrying concealed weapons. Among other persons, the list currently includes off-duty law enforcement officers and off-duty State probation and parole officers. This list of exempted persons is referenced in several other statutes to allow exemptions to other prohibited conduct such as carrying weapons on educational property and in courthouses.

BILL ANALYSIS: This act allows off-duty State correctional officers to carry concealed weapons provided that they are not consuming alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance and do not have any alcohol or unlawful controlled substance in their body. If the concealed weapon is a handgun, the correctional officer must meet firearms training standards of the Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective December 1, 2015. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

