



# HOUSE BILL 110: Protect Religious Meeting Places.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Judiciary. If favorable, re-refer to Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	April 10, 2019
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**OVERVIEW:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 110 would authorize a person with a concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun on certain educational property that is also a place of religious worship, outside of school operating hours.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S90, as introduced by Sens. Daniel, Britt, Johnson, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 14-269.2 generally prohibits weapons on educational property, with some specific exceptions. Educational property is defined as "[a]ny school building or bus, school campus, grounds, recreational area, athletic field, or other property owned, used, or operated by any board of education or school board of trustees, or directors for the administration of any school."

G.S. 14-54.1 provides that "a building that is a place of religious worship" includes "any church, chapel, meetinghouse, synagogue, temple, longhouse, or mosque, or other building that is regularly used, and clearly identifiable, as a place for religious worship."

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

**Section 1** would provide that the act shall be known as "The Religious Assembly Security and Protection Act of 2019."

**Section 2** would define "school operating hours" as any time 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** would authorize persons with a concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun on educational property that is both a school and a place of religious worship if all of the following conditions apply:

- The educational property is not a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina, a community college, or a nonpublic, postsecondary educational institution.
- The handgun is only possessed and carried on educational property outside of the school operating hours.
- The property is not owned by a local board of education or county commission.

**Section 4** would make a clarifying change in the concealed handgun permit statutes.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective December 1, 2019, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.