



# HOUSE BILL 652: Freedom to Worship Safely.

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<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Judiciary. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	June 18, 2020
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Torbett, Lewis	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Shawn Middlebrooks Staff Attorney
<b>Analysis of:</b>	PCS to Second Edition H652-CSBQ-48		

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**OVERVIEW:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 652 would allow a person who holds a concealed handgun permit to possess and carry a handgun on educational property that serves as a religious place of worship.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 14-269.2 generally prohibits any person from possessing or carrying any *firearm* on educational property or to a curricular or extracurricular activity sponsored by a school.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS to House Bill 652 would allow a concealed carry handgun permittee, or someone exempt from needing a handgun permit, to possess and carry a handgun at a religious place of worship that is the location of a school if:

- The educational property is not a university, college, or community college.
- The educational property is not owned by a local board of education or county commission.
- The weapon is a handgun.
- The handgun is possessed and carried outside of any time when any curricular or extracurricular activities are taking place.
- The owner has not posted signs prohibiting the carrying of handguns on the premises.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill is effective December 1, 2020.

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