



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 47: Elected Officials Concealed Carry.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:	House Judiciary 3. If favorable, re-refer to State Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 10, 2021
Introduced by:	Reps. Kidwell, Hanig, C. Smith, Goodwin	Prepared by:	Susan Sitze
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H47-CSSA-8		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 47 would allow officials elected in the State, who have a valid North Carolina concealed handgun permit, to carry a firearm in certain restricted areas.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 14-269(a1) prohibits a person from carrying a concealed firearm in public unless a person has a valid concealed handgun permit.

Even if a person has a valid concealed handgun permit, it does not allow them to carry a firearm in certain locations, including state courts, other government buildings, and schools.

G.S. 14-269(b) lists certain people who are exempt from G.S. 14-269(a1), and therefore may carry a concealed firearm in the otherwise restricted areas. Some examples include:

- Law enforcement officers.
- North Carolina judges who have a concealed carry permit.
- District attorneys who have a concealed carry permit.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for House Bill 47 would include elected officials or persons appointed to fill an elective office in this State, when acting in discharge of their official duties, and who have a valid North Carolina concealed handgun permit, in the list of people exempt from G.S. 14-269(a1), and therefore allowed to carry firearms in several areas otherwise restricted, including inside state courts and other government buildings. However, the PCS would not allow elected officials to carry a firearm at schools or on educational property.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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