



SENATE BILL 43: Protect Religious Meeting Places.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 43 would amend the prohibition against weapons on educational property.*

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:

G.S. 14-269.2 generally prohibits any gun, rifle, pistol, or other firearms on educational property however, a person with a concealed handgun permit may:

- Store a handgun within a locked vehicle on educational property.
- Move a handgun from concealment on their person to a closed compartment in a locked vehicle.

Senate Bill 43 would allow a concealed handgun permittee, or someone exempt from needing a concealed handgun permit, to possess and carry a handgun at:

- A place of religious worship that is also the location of a school that is not a university, college, or community college – when outside the school operating hours.

Senate Bill 43 would define 'School operating hours'.

Senate Bill 43 would allow a place of worship to post a conspicuous sign still prohibiting firearms if they so choose.

Senate Bill 43 would also make conforming changes in the current law that authorize a concealed handgun permittee, or someone exempt from needing a concealed handgun permit, to carry concealed:

- At an establishment where alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed.
- At a parade, funeral procession, picket line, or demonstration.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective December 1, 2021.

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