HOUSE BILL 47:
Elected Officials Concealed Carry.

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OVERVIEW: 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: 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 bill 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.