



SENATE BILL 43: Protect Religious Meeting Places.

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OVERVIEW: *SB 43 would authorize carrying a handgun in a place of religious worship that is also educational property under certain conditions.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 14-269.2 prohibits weapons on educational property of schools, with certain exceptions. Schools are defined to include public schools, private schools, community colleges, colleges, and universities. It is a Class I felony to possess or carry any gun on educational property.

BILL ANALYSIS: SB 43 would create a new exception to the prohibition on weapons on educational property. A handgun could be carried in a place of religious worship that is also a school by an individual with a concealed handgun permit or who is exempt from obtaining that permit when all of the following apply:

- The property is not owned by a local board of education or county commission.
- The property is not a public or private institution of higher education.
- The property is not posted with a notice prohibiting carrying a concealed handgun on the premises.
- The handgun is only possessed and carried on the property outside of the school operating hours. School operating hours are defined as any time a curricular or extracurricular activity takes place on the premises, and any time when the premises are used for educational, instructional, or school-sponsored activities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: SB 43 would become effective December 1, 2021.

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