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31 32 Short Title: (Public) Protect Religious Meeting Places. Representative R. Turner. Sponsors: Referred to: A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY SECURITY AND PROTECTION ACT OF 2019. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: SECTION 1. This act shall be known as "The Religious Assembly Security and Protection Act of 2019." **SECTION 2.** G.S. 14-269.2(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read: "(1c) School operating hours. – Any time when curricular or extracurricular activities are taking place on the premises and any time when the premises are being used for educational, instructional, or school-sponsored activities." **SECTION 3.** G.S. 14-269.2 is amended by adding a new subsection to read: "(k1) For the purposes of this subsection, property owned by a local board of education or county commission shall not be construed as a building that is a place of religious worship as defined in G.S. 14-54.1. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a person who has a concealed handgun permit that is valid under Article 54B of this Chapter, or who is exempt from obtaining a permit pursuant to that Article, if all of the following conditions apply: The person possesses and carries a handgun on educational property other than (1) an institution of higher education as defined by G.S. 116-143.1 or a nonpublic, postsecondary educational institution. The educational property is the location of both a school and a building that is (2) a place of religious worship as defined in G.S. 14-54.1. The weapon is a handgun. <u>(3)</u> The handgun is only possessed and carried on educational property outside of <u>(4)</u> the school operating hours." **SECTION 4.** G.S. 14-415.11(c) reads as rewritten: Except as provided in G.S. 14-415.27, a permit does not authorize a person to carry a concealed handgun in any of the following: Areas prohibited by G.S. 14-269.2, 14-269.3, and 14-277.2. except as allowed (1) under G.S. 14-269.2(k1). Areas prohibited by G.S. 14-269.3 and G.S. 14-277.2. (1a)



SECTION 5. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019.

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