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Short Title: School Security Act of 2019. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Daniel, Hise, and Tillman (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE POSITION OF TEACHER RESOURCE OFFICER, TO PERMIT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION FOR CANDIDATE TEACHER RESOURCE OFFICERS, TO ESTABLISH THE CANDIDATE TEACHER RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL PAY TO TEACHER RESOURCE OFFICERS, TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO COORDINATE WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ADOPT SCHOOL RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS AT PRIVATE SCHOOLS MAY CARRY CERTAIN WEAPONS ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO HAS A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT MAY CARRY CERTAIN WEAPONS ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY THAT IS THE LOCATION OF BOTH A SCHOOL AND A PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP WHEN THE PERSON IS ATTENDING WORSHIP SERVICES AND OTHER SACERDOTAL FUNCTIONS AT THE PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP AS LONG AS STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING CLASS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**PART I. TITLE OF ACT**

**SECTION 1.** This act shall be known as the "School Security Act of 2019" and may be cited by that name.

**PART II. CREATE POSITION OF TEACHER RESOURCE OFFICER**

**SECTION 2.(a)** Article 8C of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 115C-105.50. Teacher resource officers.**

(a) State Policy; Ratio. – It is the goal of the State to protect students, teachers, and school personnel. To attain that goal, to the extent funds are made available for this purpose, the State shall support the efforts of teachers to protect the school community by paying a significant salary differential to selected teachers who complete Basic Law Enforcement Training and become sworn law enforcement officers certified under Chapter 17C or Chapter 17E of the General Statutes.

(b) Definitions. – As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context requires otherwise:



- 1           (1)    Candidate teacher resource officer. – A teacher who was selected by his or her  
2           employing public education entity as qualified to pursue certification under  
3           either Chapter 17C or Chapter 17E of the General Statutes.
- 4           (2)    Educational property. – Any school building or bus, school campus, grounds,  
5           recreational area, athletic field, or other property owned, used, or operated by  
6           a public education entity.
- 7           (3)    Employing public education entity. – The public education entity that employs  
8           a particular teacher resource officer.
- 9           (4)    Entity educational property. – Educational property owned, used, or operated  
10          by the employing public education entity.
- 11          (5)    Prospective teacher resource officer. – A teacher who has applied with his or  
12          her employing public education entity to become a teacher resource officer.
- 13          (6)    Public education entity. – The governing body of any of the following:  
14           a.     A local school administrative unit.  
15           b.     A charter school.  
16           c.     A regional school.  
17           d.     A school providing elementary or secondary instruction operated by  
18               one of the following:  
19               1.     The State Board of Education, including schools operated  
20               under Article 7A and Article 9C of this Chapter.  
21               2.     The University of North Carolina, including schools operated  
22               under Articles 4, 29, and 29A of Chapter 116 of the General  
23               Statutes.
- 24          (7)    Teacher. – A person who meets all of the following criteria:  
25           a.     Is employed by a public education entity.  
26           b.     Spends at least seventy percent (70%) of his or her work time  
27               providing classroom instruction.  
28           c.     Is not a sworn law enforcement officer.
- 29          (8)    Teacher resource officer. – A person who meets all of the following criteria:  
30           a.     Is employed by a public education entity.  
31           b.     Spends at least seventy percent (70%) of his or her work time  
32               providing classroom instruction.  
33           c.     Is a sworn law enforcement officer certified under either Chapter 17C  
34               or Chapter 17E of the General Statutes.  
35           d.     Was selected by the employing public education entity pursuant to  
36               subdivision (1) of this section.  
37           e.     Has not received a notice pursuant to subsection (m) of this section in  
38               the past 30 or more days.
- 39          (c)    Selection for Candidacy. – A teacher may apply with his or her employing public  
40          education entity to become a teacher resource officer. The employing public education entity  
41          shall, in its discretion, determine whether the prospective teacher resource officer qualifies to  
42          pursue certification under either Chapter 17C or Chapter 17E of the General Statutes. The  
43          employing public education entity shall consult with a local law enforcement agency having  
44          jurisdiction over the prospective teacher resource officer's school before qualifying the  
45          prospective teacher resource officer for certification.
- 46          (d)    Certification; Oath of Office. – A candidate teacher resource officer shall pursue  
47          certification as a sworn law enforcement officer under Chapter 17C or Chapter 17E of the  
48          General Statutes, as follows:
- 49           (1)    A candidate teacher resource officer shall apply for certification with the city  
50               or county police department or the sheriff's office that has jurisdiction over his  
51               or her school in accordance with G.S. 160A-288.5 or G.S. 162-27.

1           (2)     If the police department or sheriff's office declines to pursue certification for  
2           the candidate teacher resource officer, the employing public education entity  
3           shall pursue certification pursuant to Chapter 17C of the General Statutes.  
4           Following certification, the candidate teacher resource officer shall take and  
5           subscribe the oath of office required of a law enforcement officer of the  
6           employing public education entity by Section 7 of Article VI of the North  
7           Carolina Constitution and G.S. 11-11 before some person authorized by law  
8           to administer oaths. The oath shall be filed with the clerk to the board of  
9           commissioners of the county in which the school is located.

10          Pursuant to subsection (j) of this section, a teacher resource officer's certification records and  
11          oath are not public records within the meaning of G.S. 132-1 and shall not be subject to inspection  
12          and examination under G.S. 132-6.

13          (e)     Jurisdiction. – A teacher resource officer, while in the performance of his or her duties  
14          of employment, shall have the same powers as municipal and county police officers to make  
15          arrests for both felonies and misdemeanors and to charge for infractions on any of the following:

16                 (1)     Entity educational property.

17                 (2)     Any portion of any public road or highway passing through the real property  
18                 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection or immediately adjoining it,  
19                 wherever located.

20                 (3)     Any other real property while in continuous and immediate pursuit of a person  
21                 for an offense committed upon property described in subdivision (1) or (2) of  
22                 this subsection.

23          In exercising the powers conferred by this subsection, teacher resource officers shall apply  
24          the standards established by the law of this State and the United States.

25          (f)     Extraterritorial Agreements. – The employing public education entity may, as  
26          follows, enter into joint agreements with any of the below entities:

27                 (1)     The governing board of any municipality to extend the law enforcement  
28                 authority of one or more teacher resource officers into any or all of the  
29                 municipality's jurisdiction and to determine the circumstances in which this  
30                 extension of authority may be granted.

31                 (2)     With the consent of the sheriff, the governing board of any county to extend  
32                 the law enforcement authority of one or more teacher resource officers into  
33                 any or all of the county's jurisdiction and to determine the circumstances in  
34                 which this extension of authority may be granted.

35                 (3)     Any other public education entity to extend the law enforcement authority of  
36                 one or more teacher resource officers into any or all of the other public  
37                 education entity's jurisdiction and to determine the circumstances as to which  
38                 its extension of authority may be granted.

39          (g)     Identification. – While on entity educational property, a teacher resource officer shall:

40                 (1)     Not be required to wear a uniform.

41                 (2)     Carry a badge, photograph, and written documentation provided by the entity  
42                 where he or she is a sworn law enforcement officer that identifies him or her  
43                 as a teacher resource officer with that entity.

44          (h)     Firearms. – The entity that maintains the teacher resource officer's certification, in  
45          consultation with the employing public education entity, shall determine the following on an  
46          individual basis with respect to firearms on entity educational property:

47                 (1)     The extent to which each individual teacher resource officer is required to  
48                 carry his or her handgun in an open or concealed manner.

49                 (2)     Whether each individual teacher resource officer is required to carry a  
50                 handgun on his or her person at all times or is permitted to sometimes stow  
51                 the handgun in a locked gun safe.

1       (i)     Training. – A teacher resource officer shall complete the following training:

2       (1)     All applicable in-service training required of a law enforcement officer  
3       pursuant to Chapter 17C or Chapter 17E of the General Statutes.

4       (2)     At least once every five years, training established by the North Carolina  
5       Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission or the North  
6       Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission, as  
7       appropriate, to respond to an active shooter situation.

8       (j)     Identity Not a Public Record. – The identity of a teacher as a teacher resource officer,  
9       a teacher resource officer's certification records, and a teacher resource officer's oath of office  
10       are confidential and not public records within the meaning of G.S. 132-1. Data and information  
11       identifying a teacher as a teacher resource officer, a teacher resource officer's certification  
12       records, and a teacher resource officer's oath of office shall not be subject to inspection and  
13       examination under G.S. 132-6.

14       (k)     Liability. – There shall be no liability on the part of and no cause of action shall arise  
15       against a teacher resource officer, the entity that maintains the teacher resource officer's  
16       certification, the employees of the entity who supervise the teacher resource officer as a law  
17       enforcement officer, or the public school system or its employees for any good-faith action taken  
18       by the teacher resource officer in the performance of his or her duties as a teacher resource officer  
19       on entity educational property or other property within his or her jurisdiction pursuant to  
20       subsection (e) or (f) of this section.

21       (l)     Exemption From Certain Statutes. – Notwithstanding Article 3 of Chapter 128 of the  
22       General Statutes, Articles 12C, 12D, 12E, and 12F of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, and  
23       Chapter 135 of the General Statutes, a teacher resource officer is not a law enforcement officer  
24       within the meaning of those statutes.

25       (m)     Elimination of Duty. – In the event a teacher resource officer is not fulfilling the duties  
26       of a teacher resource officer, the following procedure shall be followed:

27       (1)     If the teacher resource officer's certification is maintained by the employing  
28       public education entity, the entity may, in its discretion, eliminate the teacher's  
29       special duty as a teacher resource officer and stop payment of any  
30       accompanying salary supplement. The employing education entity shall  
31       provide 30 days' notice to the teacher resource officer before eliminating the  
32       duty and stopping payment.

33       (2)     If the teacher resource officer's certification is maintained by a local law  
34       enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the teacher's school, the law  
35       enforcement agency, after consultation with the employing public education  
36       entity, may, in its discretion, eliminate the teacher's special duty as a teacher  
37       resource officer. The employing public education entity shall simultaneously  
38       stop payment of any accompanying salary supplement. The law enforcement  
39       agency that has jurisdiction over the school and the employing public  
40       education entity shall provide 30 days' notice to the teacher resource officer  
41       before eliminating the duty and stopping payment."

42       **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 115C-325(a)(4) reads as rewritten:

43       "(4)     "Demote" means to reduce the salary of a person who is classified or paid by  
44       the State Board of Education as a classroom teacher. The word "demote" does  
45       not include: (i) a suspension without pay pursuant to G.S. 115C-325(f)(1); (ii)  
46       the elimination or reduction of bonus payments, including merit-based  
47       supplements, or a systemwide modification in the amount of any applicable  
48       local supplement; or (iii) any reduction in salary that results from the  
49       elimination of a special duty, such as the duty of an athletic coach or coach, a  
50       choral director, director, or a teacher resource officer."

51       **SECTION 2.(c)** G.S. 115C-325.1(2) reads as rewritten:

"(2) "Demote" means to reduce the salary of a person who is classified or paid by the State Board of Education as a classroom teacher or as a school administrator during the time of the contract. The word "demote" does not include the following:

...

c. Any reduction in salary that results from the elimination of a special duty, such as the duty of an athletic ~~coach or coach,~~ a choral ~~director.~~director, or a teacher resource officer.

...."

**SECTION 2.(d)** G.S. 17C-6(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(21) Establish active shooter training for teacher resource officers pursuant to G.S. 115C-105.50(i)(2)."

**SECTION 2.(e)** G.S. 17E-4(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(17) Establish active shooter training for teacher resource officers pursuant to G.S. 115C-105.50(i)(2)."

### **PART III. PERMIT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION FOR CANDIDATE TEACHER RESOURCE OFFICERS**

**SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 160A-288(d) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(6) An employing public education entity as defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(3)."

**SECTION 3.(b)** Article 13 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

#### **"§ 160A-288.5. Teacher resource officers.**

(a) The chief of police of a local police department or of a county police department may obtain certification of a candidate teacher resource officer, as defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(1), to become a law enforcement officer of the police department. In that instance, the candidate teacher resource officer shall take and subscribe the oath of office required of an officer of the police department by Section 7 of Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution and G.S. 11-11 before some person authorized by law to administer oaths. The oath shall be filed with the city clerk. Pursuant to G.S. 115C-105.50(j), the oath is not a public record within the meaning of G.S. 132-1 and shall not be subject to inspection and examination under G.S. 132-6.

(b) A teacher resource officer who is a law enforcement officer of the police department pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall report to the chief of police and shall work under the direction and supervision of the chief of police or the chief's designee when carrying out duties related to his or her role as a law enforcement officer. In all other aspects, the teacher resource officer shall remain an employee of the employing public education entity, as defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(3)."

**SECTION 3.(c)** G.S. 17C-2 reads as rewritten:

#### **"§ 17C-2. Definitions.**

Unless the context clearly otherwise requires, the following definitions apply in this Chapter:

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(2) Criminal justice agencies. – The State and local law-enforcement agencies, the State correctional agencies, other correctional agencies maintained by local governments, ~~and the juvenile justice agencies,~~ ~~agencies,~~ and the employing public education entities, as defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(3), but shall not include deputy sheriffs, special deputy sheriffs, sheriffs' jailers, or other sheriffs' department personnel governed by the provisions of Chapter 17E of these General Statutes.

(3) Criminal justice officers. – The administrative and subordinate personnel of all the departments, agencies, ~~units~~ ~~units,~~ or entities comprising the criminal justice agencies who are sworn law-enforcement officers, both State and local,

1 with the power of arrest; State correctional officers; State probation/parole  
 2 officers; State probation/parole officers-surveillance; officers, supervisory  
 3 and administrative personnel of local confinement facilities; State juvenile  
 4 justice officers; chief court counselors; and juvenile court counselors.

5 ...."

6 **SECTION 3.(d)** Article 3 of Chapter 162 of the General Statutes is amended by  
 7 adding a new section to read:

8 **"§ 162-27. Teacher resource officers.**

9 (a) The sheriff may obtain certification for a candidate teacher resource officer, as  
 10 defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(1), to become a deputy sheriff of the office of the sheriff. In that  
 11 instance, the candidate teacher resource officer shall take and subscribe the oath of office required  
 12 of a law enforcement officer of the office of the sheriff by Section 7 of Article VI of the North  
 13 Carolina Constitution and G.S. 11-11 before some person authorized by law to administer oaths.  
 14 The oath shall be filed with the clerk to the board of commissioners. Pursuant to  
 15 G.S. 115C-105.50(j), the oath is not a public record within the meaning of G.S. 132-1 and shall  
 16 not be subject to inspection and examination under G.S. 132-6.

17 (b) A teacher resource officer who is a deputy sheriff of the office of the sheriff pursuant  
 18 to subsection (a) of this section shall report to the sheriff and shall work under the direction and  
 19 supervision of the sheriff or the sheriff's designee when carrying out duties related to his or her  
 20 role as a deputy sheriff. In all other aspects, the teacher resource officer shall remain an employee  
 21 of the employing public education entity, as defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(3)."

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 23 **PART IV. PERMIT TEACHER RESOURCE OFFICERS OF AN EMPLOYING PUBLIC**  
 24 **EDUCATION ENTITY TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS**

25 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 14-269(b)(4) reads as rewritten:

26 "(4) Officers of the State, or of any county, city, town, or company police agency  
 27 agency, or employing public education entity, as defined in  
 28 G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(3), who are charged with the execution of the laws of  
 29 the State, when acting in the discharge of their official duties;"

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 31 **PART V. ESTABLISH CANDIDATE TEACHER RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT**  
 32 **PROGRAM**

33 **SECTION 5.(a)** Program; Purpose. – The Department of Public Instruction, in  
 34 collaboration with the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall establish  
 35 the Candidate Teacher Resource Officer Grant Program (program). The purpose of the program  
 36 is to support the efforts of candidate teacher resource officers, as defined in  
 37 G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(1), who seek to increase school safety by becoming teacher resource  
 38 officers, as defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(8).

39 **SECTION 5.(b)** Program Eligibility and Selection. – Any candidate teacher resource  
 40 officer is eligible to apply for grant funds under the program. The Department of Public  
 41 Instruction, in collaboration with the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina,  
 42 shall select recipients for the funds from among eligible applicants according to the following  
 43 procedure:

- 44 (1) The Department shall first select persons for receipt of the grant funds from  
 45 among candidate teacher resource officer applicants with at least two years of  
 46 prior experience as either of the following:  
 47 a. A sworn law enforcement officer.  
 48 b. A member of the Armed Forces of the United States, provided that the  
 49 person was honorably discharged.  
 50 (2) In the event funds remain after selecting recipients pursuant to subdivision (1)  
 51 of this subsection, the Department shall select persons for receipt of grant

1 funds from among the remaining candidate teacher resource officer  
2 applicants, in its discretion, taking into account the value of law enforcement  
3 and military experience and the advisability of ensuring grant funds are  
4 distributed fairly and evenly throughout the State.

5 **SECTION 5.(c) Timeline.** – By August 1, 2019, the Department, in collaboration  
6 with the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall establish the criteria and  
7 guidelines for the grant application process for the upcoming school year, including any  
8 documentation required to be submitted with the application. The Department shall accept  
9 applications until November 1, 2019. The Department shall award grant funds under the program  
10 to the selected recipients no later than December 31, 2019.

11 **SECTION 5.(d) Leave.** – The State shall provide up to two weeks of additional paid  
12 leave to all candidate teacher resource officers participating in the program. Candidate teacher  
13 resource officers participating in the program shall take paid leave only with the approval of their  
14 supervisors.

15 **SECTION 5.(e) Amount of Funds.** – Funds shall cover the full costs of attending  
16 Basic Law Enforcement Training, as determined by the Department of Public Instruction,  
17 including the costs of any tuition, books, or uniforms needed. The Department shall award the  
18 appropriate amount, in its discretion, based on individual applications and supporting  
19 documentation.

20 **SECTION 5.(f)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
21 Public Instruction the sum of four million seven hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$4,770,000)  
22 in nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to fund the Candidate Teacher Resource  
23 Officer Grant Program for up to 3,000 candidate teacher resource officers.

## 24 25 **PART VI. PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL PAY TO TEACHER RESOURCE OFFICERS**

26 **SECTION 6.(a)** For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the funded ratio of teacher resource  
27 officers to students, per school, is up to one teacher resource officer for every 500 students, not  
28 to exceed a total statewide funded cap of 3,000 teacher resource officers. A teacher, upon meeting  
29 the criteria to become a teacher resource officer, as defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(8), shall  
30 submit to the Department of Public Instruction a one-time application to receive a salary  
31 supplement each month of five percent (5%) of his or her monthly salary on the "A" salary  
32 schedule. The Department shall provide salary supplements to teacher resource officers pursuant  
33 to this section on a first-come, first-served basis until the per school funded ratio or total statewide  
34 funded cap, as appropriate, is reached.

35 **SECTION 6.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
36 Public Instruction the sum of four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) in recurring  
37 funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to provide a salary supplement of five percent (5%) to teacher  
38 resource officers as provided in subsection (a) of this section. It is the intent of the General  
39 Assembly to appropriate an additional four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000)  
40 in recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to continue to provide a salary supplement of  
41 five percent (5%) to teacher resource officers as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

## 42 43 **PART VII. SCHOOL SAFETY CHANGES FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS**

44 **SECTION 7.(a)** Part 1 of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is  
45 amended by adding a new section to read:

### 46 **"§ 115C-548.5. School safety management.**

47 (a) Each private church school or school of religious charter, in coordination with local  
48 law enforcement and emergency management agencies, is encouraged to adopt a school risk  
49 management plan relating to incidents of school violence. Each private school is encouraged to  
50 provide schematic diagrams and keys to the main entrance of school facilities to local law  
51 enforcement agencies and may place school crisis kits in schools.

1       (b) At least once a year, each private church school or school of religious charter is  
2 encouraged to hold a full school-wide lockdown exercise with local law enforcement and  
3 emergency management agencies as part of the school risk management plan.

4       (c) With the consent of the local sheriff, a school board of trustees or a school  
5 administrative director, as defined in G.S. 14-269.2(a), of a private church school or school of  
6 religious charter may authorize a person who has a concealed handgun permit issued in  
7 accordance with Article 54B of this Chapter or considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24 to possess  
8 and carry a handgun on the educational property that is owned, used, or operated by the private  
9 school pursuant to G.S. 14-269.2(g). The private school is encouraged to coordinate with local  
10 law enforcement on the role and responsibilities in the school risk management plan of any  
11 person permitted to possess and carry a handgun on the educational property under this  
12 subsection."

13       **SECTION 7.(b)** Part 2 of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is  
14 amended by adding a new section to read:

15 **"§ 115C-556.5. School safety management.**

16       (a) Each qualified nonpublic school, in coordination with local law enforcement and  
17 emergency management agencies, is encouraged to adopt a school risk management plan relating  
18 to incidents of school violence. Each qualified nonpublic school is encouraged to provide  
19 schematic diagrams and keys to the main entrance of school facilities to local law enforcement  
20 agencies and may place school crisis kits in schools.

21       (b) At least once a year, each qualified nonpublic school is encouraged to hold a full  
22 school-wide lockdown exercise with local law enforcement and emergency management  
23 agencies as part of the school risk management plan.

24       (c) With consent of the local sheriff, a school board of trustees or a school administrative  
25 director as defined in G.S. 14-269.2(a) of a qualified nonpublic school may authorize a person  
26 who has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of this Chapter or  
27 considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24 to possess and carry a handgun on the educational  
28 property that is owned, used, or operated by the private school pursuant to G.S. 14-269.2(g). The  
29 private school is encouraged to coordinate with local law enforcement on the role and  
30 responsibilities in the school risk management plan of any person permitted to possess and carry  
31 a handgun on the educational property under this subsection."

32       **SECTION 7.(c)** G.S. 14-269.2(a) is amended by adding the following new  
33 subdivisions to read:

34       "(1c) School board of trustees. – The governing body of any private school. For  
35 purposes of parochial schools, the school board of trustees may be the board  
36 of deacons, the board of elders, or any other designated board which oversees  
37 the general affairs of the church, synagogue, temple, or other place of religious  
38 worship that is affiliated with the private school.

39       (1d) School administrative director. – Any individual authorized by the school  
40 board of trustees to act on behalf of the private school."

41       **SECTION 7.(d)** G.S. 14-269.2(g) is amended by adding the following new  
42 subdivisions to read:

43       "(8) An employee or volunteer of a private school who meets all of the following  
44 criteria:

45       a. The person has written authorization from (i) the school board of  
46 trustees or the school administrative director and (ii) the local sheriff  
47 to possess and carry a handgun on the educational property that is  
48 owned, used, or operated by the private school.

49       b. The weapon is a handgun.



- 1           c.     The person has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with  
2                 Article 54B of this Chapter or is considered valid under  
3                 G.S. 14-415.24.
- 4           d.     The person has successfully completed under the direct supervision of  
5                 a certified National Rifle Association instructor or the equivalent a  
6                 minimum of eight hours of courses on, or relating to, gun safety and  
7                 the appropriate use of firearms that is in addition to the firearms  
8                 training and safety course required for a concealed handgun permit  
9                 under G.S. 14-415.12(a)(4). This is an annual training requirement  
10                that shall be performed in consultation with the law enforcement  
11                agency having jurisdiction over the private school.
- 12           e.     The private school adopts and maintains written standard operating  
13                 procedures regarding the possession and carrying of the weapons  
14                 listed in this subdivision on the educational property and distributes to  
15                 the parents of students attending the private school copies of the  
16                 written standard operating procedures on an annual basis.
- 17           f.     The person is on the premises of the educational property that is  
18                 owned, used, or operated by the private school at which the person is  
19                 an employee or volunteer.
- 20        (9)     A person who has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with  
21                 Article 54B of this Chapter or that is considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24  
22                 and who is in a place of religious worship when students are not attending  
23                 class that is located on educational property owned, used, or operated by the  
24                 membership of the place of religious worship may possess and carry a  
25                 handgun while the person is attending worship services, funeral services,  
26                 wedding ceremonies, christenings, religious fellowships, and any other  
27                 sacerdotal functions at the place of religious worship. For purposes of this  
28                 subdivision, the term "place of religious worship" includes any church, chapel,  
29                 meetinghouse, synagogue, temple, longhouse, mosque, or other building that  
30                 is regularly used and clearly identifiable as a place for religious worship. For  
31                 purposes of this subdivision, the term "attending" includes ingress and egress  
32                 between the place of religious worship and the designated parking area for the  
33                 place of religious worship."

#### 34 35 **PART VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

36           **SECTION 8.** Section 7 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2019. Except as  
37 otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1, 2019.