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Short Title: Emergency Stun Gun Use by School Personnel. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Riddell, Saine, and Richardson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL PERSONNEL MAY CARRY STUN GUNS ON
3 EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICIES ADOPTED BY
4 THE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR STUN
5 GUNS FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-269.2(g) is amended by adding the following new
8 subdivision to read:

9 "(7) A school employee provided that all of the criteria set out below in this
10 subdivision are satisfied.

11 a. The weapon is a stun gun. For purposes of this subdivision the term
12 "stun gun" includes tasers.

13 b. The school employee has satisfactorily completed a school crisis and
14 safety course developed by the Department of Public Safety.

15 c. The governing entity of the school at which the individual is
16 employed has adopted a policy to allow that school employee to
17 carry stun guns on educational property.

18 d. The school employee is acting in the discharge of the employee's
19 official duties and in compliance with the policies of the school and
20 of the governing entity of the school.

21 e. The school employee is on the premises of educational property that
22 is owned, used, or operated by the governing entity of the school that
23 employs the individual."

24 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

25 "(18b) To Adopt Rules and Policies Authorizing Certain School Employees to
26 Possess and Carry Certain Weapons on Educational Property. – Local boards
27 of education may adopt rules and policies to allow school employees
28 designated in those rules and policies to possess and carry stun guns on
29 educational property as provided in G.S. 14-269.2(g)(7)."

30 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 115C-238.29E(d) reads as rewritten:

31 "(d) The board of directors of the charter school shall decide matters related to the
32 operation of the school, including budgeting, curriculum, and operating procedures. The board
33 of directors of the charter school may adopt rules and policies to allow school employees
34 designated in those rules and policies to possess and carry stun guns on educational property as
35 provided in G.S. 14-269.2(g)(7)."

36 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 143B-601 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:



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1 "(15) To develop, in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction, a
2 school crisis and safety program that provides instruction for principals,
3 assistant principals, and teachers regarding the development and
4 implementation of school crisis response plans and that also includes a
5 safety and training course that involves the actual firing of stun guns."

6 **SECTION 5.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
7 Public Instruction the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2013-2014 fiscal
8 year to provide grants to local school administrative units, regional schools, and charter schools
9 for stun guns for school employees.

10 **SECTION 6.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2013. Section 6
11 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2013. The remainder of this act becomes effective August
12 1, 2013. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this act are not abated
13 or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain
14 applicable to those prosecutions.