GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

*Senate Bill 43, “AN ACT TO ENACT THE RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY SECURITY AND PROTECTION ACT OF 2021 AND TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY EMPLOYEES.”*

For the safety of students and teachers, North Carolina should keep guns off school grounds. Therefore, I veto the bill.

Roy Cooper  
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 18th day of June 2021, at 2:19 pm for reconsideration by that body.
Notwithstanding G.S. 14-415.11(c), any of the following persons who has a concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to this Article or that is considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24 is not subject to the area prohibitions set out in G.S. 14-415.11(c) and may carry a concealed handgun in the areas listed in G.S. 14-415.11(c) unless otherwise prohibited by federal law:

(10) For only a law enforcement facility covered under G.S. 14-415.11(c)(5), a person employed by a law enforcement agency who (i) is not a law enforcement officer sworn and certified pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 17C or 17E of the General Statutes, (ii) has been designated in writing by the head of the law enforcement agency in charge of the facility, (iii) has in the person's possession written proof of the designation, and (iv) has not had the designation rescinded by the head of the law enforcement agency in charge of the facility. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as prohibiting the head of the law enforcement agency in charge of a facility from rescinding any written designation described in this subdivision."

SECTION 5.(b) This section becomes effective July 1, 2021, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

SECTION 6. Sections 1 through 4 of this act become effective December 1, 2021. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9th day of June, 2021.

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Date June 18, 2021

Time 2:20 p.m.

Signed Anah Holland

W. Ted Alexander

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Tim Moore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved ______________m. this ______________ day of __________________, 2021