



Roy Cooper, Governor
State of North Carolina

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

Senate Bill 41, "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON CERTAIN SCHOOL PROPERTY AT CERTAIN TIMES AND TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY EMPLOYEES, TO REPEAL PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS, AND TO LAUNCH A STATEWIDE FIREARM SAFE STORAGE AWARENESS INITIATIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF GUN LOCKS."

Eliminating strong background checks will allow more domestic abusers and other dangerous people to own handguns and reduces law enforcement's ability to stop them from committing violent crimes. Second Amendment supporting, responsible gun owners know this will put families and communities at risk.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 24th day of March 2023, at 3:49 PM for reconsideration by that body.

RECEIVED FROM GOVERNOR

Date March 24, 2023

Time 3:49 p.m.

Signed Jaral Holland

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SECTION 3.(c) Development of State-Coordinated Outreach. – Upon development of the website and toolkit required under subsection (b) of this section, the Department shall develop and implement an outreach process for disseminating the information and toolkit described in subsection (b) of this section to the public and to local communities, as well as the provision of technical assistance to local communities to assist them in utilizing the toolkit to launch local initiatives.

SECTION 3.(d) Use of Third-Party Entity. – The Department may contract with a third-party entity with relevant expertise related to public health and injury prevention to launch the firearm safe storage awareness initiative required under subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 3.(e) Prohibition on Advocacy. – The firearm safe storage awareness initiative required under subsection (a) of this section and any State funds used to launch and maintain the initiative shall not be used to advocate, promote, or lobby for the creation of new or the revision of existing laws regulating firearms. The firearm safe storage awareness initiative and any State funds used to launch or maintain the initiative shall only be used for the purposes set forth in subsections (b) through (d) of this section and only to explain and promote existing laws regulating firearms and best practices for firearm storage and safety.

SECTION 3.(f) Report. – The Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Wildlife Resources Commission, shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services detailing the progress in meeting the requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this section. The report required under this subsection shall be submitted by September 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.(g) This section becomes effective July 1, 2023.

PART IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of March, 2023.

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Date March 24, 2023

Time 3:49 p.m.

Signed Sarah Holland



Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate



Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

VETO



Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2023