Amends Title [YES]
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Senator Murdock

moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 8, by inserting the following at the end of the line before the period:

"AND TO PROMOTE GUN SAFETY";

and on page 3, lines 29-30, by inserting the following between those lines:

"PART III-A. STRENGTHENING LAW GOVERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS

SECTION 3A.(a) G.S. 14-315.1 reads as rewritten:

§ 14-315.1. Storage of firearms to protect minors. Safe storage of firearms.

(a) Any person who resides in the same premises as a minor, owns or possesses a firearm, and stores or leaves the firearm (i) in a condition that the firearm can be discharged and (ii) in a manner that the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor would be able to gain access to the firearm, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor Class D felony if a minor gains access to the firearm without the lawful permission of the minor's parents or a person having charge of the minor and the minor:

(1) Possesses it in violation of G.S. 14-269.2(b);
(2) Exhibits it in a public place in a careless, angry, or threatening manner;
(3) Causes personal injury or death with it not in self defense; or
(4) Uses it in the commission of a crime.

(a1) Any person who resides in the same premises as an unauthorized person, owns or possesses a firearm, and stores or leaves the firearm without having securely locked the firearm in an appropriate safe storage depository or rendered it incapable of being fired is guilty of a Class D felony if the unauthorized person gains access to the firearm and does any of the following:

(1) Possesses it in violation of G.S. 14-269.2(b);
(2) Exhibits it in a public place in a careless, angry, or threatening manner.
(3) Causes personal injury or death with it not in self defense.
(4) Uses it in the commission of a crime.
(b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a person from carrying a firearm on his or her body, or placed in such close proximity that it can be used as easily and quickly as if carried on the body.

(c) This section shall not apply if the minor or unauthorized person obtained the firearm as a result of an unlawful entry by any person.

(d) The following definitions apply in this section:

(1) "Minor" as used in this section means a Minor. – A person under 18 years of age who is not emancipated.

(2) Unauthorized person. – A person who is not authorized to purchase a firearm under State or federal law.

SECTION 3A.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.".

SIGNED ____________________________________________
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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