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SENATE BILL DRS35122-ML-50

Short Title:	Private School Security Act.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Jarvis, B. Newton, and Overcash (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT 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 MAY CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY THAT IS THE LOCATION OF BOTH A SCHOOL AND A PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP WHEN ATTENDING WORSHIP SERVICES AND OTHER SACERDOTAL FUNCTIONS AT THE PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-269.2(a) is amended by adding the following new subdivisions to read:

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

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

SECTION 2. G.S. 14-269.2(g) is amended by adding the following new subdivisions to read:

"(8) The person is an employee or volunteer of a private school who meets all of the following criteria:

a. The person has written authorization from the school board of trustees or the school administrative director to possess and carry a firearm or stun gun on the educational property that is owned, used, or operated by the private school.

b. The weapon is a firearm or a stun gun.

c. The person has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of this Chapter or is considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24.

d. The person has successfully completed under the direct supervision of a certified National Rifle Association instructor or the equivalent a minimum of eight hours of courses on, or relating to, gun safety and the appropriate use of firearms that is in addition to the firearms

training and safety course required for a concealed handgun permit under G.S. 14-415.12(a)(4). This is an annual training requirement.

e. The private school adopts and maintains written standard operating procedures regarding the possession and carrying of the weapons listed in this subdivision on the educational property and distributes to the parents of students attending the private school copies of the written standard operating procedures on an annual basis.

f. The person is on the premises of the educational property that is owned, used, or operated by the private school at which the person is an employee or volunteer.

(9) A person in a place of religious worship that is located on educational property owned, used, or operated by the membership of the place of religious worship while the person is attending worship services, funeral services, wedding ceremonies, Christenings, religious fellowships, and any other sacerdotal functions at the place of religious worship. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "place of religious worship" includes any church, chapel, meetinghouse, synagogue, temple, longhouse, mosque, or other building that is regularly used and clearly identifiable as a place for religious worship. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "attending" includes ingress and egress between the place of religious worship and the designated parking area for the place of religious worship."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.