



Josh Stein, Governor
State of North Carolina

GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

Senate Bill 50: AN ACT TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WITHOUT A PERMIT AND TO CONTINUE ALLOWING PERSONS TO ACQUIRE A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECIPROCITY OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON DESIRED AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT PAID FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATHS AND TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF PERMANENTLY DISABLED OR SLAIN NC LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY, MEDICAL, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING A FIREARM BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY.

This bill makes North Carolinians less safe and undermines responsible gun ownership. The bill eliminates training requirements associated with concealed carry permits and reduces the age to carry a concealed weapon from 21 to 18 years old. Authorizing teenagers to carry a concealed weapon with no training whatsoever is dangerous. The bill would also make the job of a law enforcement officer more difficult and less safe. We can and should protect the right to bear arms without recklessly endangering law enforcement officers and our people.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 20th day of June 2025, at ~~2:51 PM~~ for reconsideration by that body.

3:33 pm

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(d) Inspectors and protectors are additionally authorized to arrest without warrant under the terms of G.S. 15A-401(b) for felonies, for breaches of the peace, for assaults upon them or in their presence, and for other offenses evincing a flouting of their authority as enforcement officers or constituting a threat to public peace and order which would tend to subvert the authority of the State if ignored. In particular, they are authorized, subject to the direction of the administrative superiors, to arrest for violations of G.S. 14-223, 14-225, 14-269, and ~~14-277~~, 14-277, and 14-415.35.
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SECTION 16.7. The University of North Carolina Board of Governors shall develop a scholarship program for any child, if the child is at least 17 years old but not yet 28 years old, whose parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian is a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker who is permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty.

The scholarship program shall provide assistance with tuition, fees, educational supplies, and boarding expenses not covered under Chapter 115B of the General Statutes and shall be available for both undergraduate and graduate programs.

The Board of Governors shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the establishment of the program no later than July 1, 2026.

SECTION 17. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

SECTION 18. This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 12th day of June, 2025.



Rachel Hunt
President of the Senate



Donna McDowell White
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

VETO



Josh Stein
Governor

Approved _____ m. this _____ day of _____

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Signed Sarah Holland