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Sponsors: Senators Daniel, Hise, Bishop (Primary Sponsors); Cook, Edwards, Rabin, and Tarte.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE POSITION OF TEACHER RESOURCE OFFICER, TO PERMIT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION FOR CANDIDATE TEACHER RESOURCE OFFICERS, TO ESTABLISH THE TEACHER RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL PAY TO TEACHER RESOURCE OFFICERS, TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO COORDINATE WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ADOPT SCHOOL RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS, 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 WHO HAS A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT MAY CARRY CERTAIN WEAPONS ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY THAT IS THE LOCATION OF BOTH A SCHOOL AND A PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP WHEN THE PERSON IS ATTENDING WORSHIP SERVICES AND OTHER SACERDOTAL FUNCTIONS AT THE PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP AS LONG AS STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING CLASS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the "School Security Act of 2018" and may be cited by that name.

SECTION 2.(a) Article 8C of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-105.50. Teacher resource officers.

(a) State Policy; Ratio. – It is the goal of the State to protect students, teachers, and school personnel. To attain that goal, to the extent funds are made available for this purpose, the State shall support the efforts of teachers to protect the school community by paying a significant salary differential to selected teachers who complete Basic Law Enforcement Training and become sworn law enforcement officers certified under Chapter 17C or Chapter 17E of the General Statutes.

(b) Definitions. – As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) Candidate teacher resource officer. – A teacher who was selected by his or her employing public education entity as qualified to pursue certification under either Chapter 17C or Chapter 17E of the General Statutes.



- 1 (2) Educational property. – Any school building or bus, school campus, grounds,
2 recreational area, athletic field, or other property owned, used, or operated by
3 a public education entity.
- 4 (3) Employing public education entity. – The public education entity that employs
5 a particular teacher resource officer.
- 6 (4) Entity educational property. – Educational property owned by the employing
7 public education entity.
- 8 (5) Prospective teacher resource officer. – A teacher who has applied with his or
9 her employing public education entity to become a teacher resource officer.
- 10 (6) Public education entity. – A local school administrative unit, the Department
11 of Health and Human Services, the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile
12 Justice of the Department of Public Safety, the University of North Carolina,
13 the North Carolina Innovative School District, or a charter school approved
14 by the State Board of Education.
- 15 (7) Teacher. – A person who meets all of the following criteria:
- 16 a. Is certified to teach in North Carolina.
- 17 b. Is a State-paid employee of a public education entity.
- 18 c. Is paid on the teacher salary schedule.
- 19 d. Is not a sworn law enforcement officer.
- 20 (8) Teacher resource officer. – A person who meets all of the following criteria:
- 21 a. Is certified to teach in North Carolina.
- 22 b. Is a State-paid employee of a public education entity.
- 23 c. Is paid on the teacher salary schedule.
- 24 d. Is a sworn law enforcement officer certified under either Chapter 17C
25 or Chapter 17E of the General Statutes.
- 26 e. Was selected by the employing public education entity pursuant to
27 subdivision (1) of this section.
- 28 f. Has not received a notice pursuant to subsection (m) of this section in
29 the past 30 or more days.
- 30 (c) Selection for Candidacy. – A teacher may apply with his or her employing public
31 education entity to become a teacher resource officer. The employing public education entity
32 shall, in its discretion, determine whether the prospective teacher resource officer qualifies to
33 pursue certification under either Chapter 17C or Chapter 17E of the General Statutes. The
34 employing public education entity shall consult with a local law enforcement agency having
35 jurisdiction over the prospective teacher resource officer's school before qualifying the
36 prospective teacher resource officer for certification.
- 37 (d) Certification; Oath of Office. – A candidate teacher resource officer shall pursue
38 certification as a sworn law enforcement officer under Chapter 17C or Chapter 17E of the
39 General Statutes, as follows:
- 40 (1) A candidate teacher resource officer shall apply for certification with the city
41 or county police department or the sheriff's office that has jurisdiction over his
42 or her school in accordance with G.S. 160A-288.5 or G.S. 162-27.
- 43 (2) If the police department or sheriff's office declines to pursue certification for
44 the candidate teacher resource officer, the employing public education entity
45 shall pursue certification pursuant to Chapter 17C of the General Statutes.
46 Following certification, the employing public education entity shall
47 administer the oath of office to the candidate teacher resource officer. The
48 candidate teacher resource officer shall take and subscribe before some person
49 authorized by law to administer oaths the oath of office required of a law
50 enforcement officer of the employing public education entity by Section 7 of
51 Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution and G.S. 11-11. The oath shall

1 be filed with the clerk to the board of commissioners of the county in which
2 the school is located.

3 Pursuant to subsection (j) of this section, a teacher resource officer's certification records and
4 oath are not public records within the meaning of G.S. 132-1 and shall not be subject to inspection
5 and examination under G.S. 132-6.

6 (e) Jurisdiction. – A teacher resource officer, while in the performance of his or her duties
7 of employment, shall have the same powers as municipal and county police officers to make
8 arrests for both felonies and misdemeanors and to charge for infractions on any of the following:

9 (1) Real property owned by or in the possession and control of the employing
10 public education entity.

11 (2) Any portion of any public road or highway passing through the real property
12 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection or immediately adjoining it,
13 wherever located.

14 (3) Any other real property while in continuous and immediate pursuit of a person
15 for an offense committed upon property described in subdivision (1) or (2) of
16 this subsection.

17 In exercising the powers conferred by this subsection, teacher resource officers shall apply
18 the standards established by the law of this State and the United States.

19 (f) Extraterritorial Agreements. – The employing public education entity may, as
20 follows, enter into joint agreements with any of the below entities:

21 (1) The governing board of any municipality to extend the law enforcement
22 authority of one or more teacher resource officers into any or all of the
23 municipality's jurisdiction and to determine the circumstances in which this
24 extension of authority may be granted.

25 (2) The governing board of any county and, with the consent of the sheriff, to
26 extend the law enforcement authority of one or more teacher resource officers
27 into any or all of the county's jurisdiction and to determine the circumstances
28 in which this extension of authority may be granted.

29 (3) Any other public education entity to extend the law enforcement authority of
30 one or more teacher resource officers into any or all of the other public
31 education entity's jurisdiction and to determine the circumstances as to which
32 its extension of authority may be granted.

33 (g) Identification. – While on entity educational property, a teacher resource officer shall:

34 (1) Not be required to wear a uniform.

35 (2) Carry a badge, photograph, and written documentation provided by the entity
36 where he or she is a sworn law enforcement officer that identifies him or her
37 as a teacher resource officer with that entity.

38 (h) Firearms. – The employing public education entity, in consultation with any entity
39 that maintains the teacher resource officer's certification, shall determine the following on an
40 individual basis with respect to firearms on entity educational property:

41 (1) The extent to which each individual teacher resource officer is required to
42 carry his or her handgun in an open or concealed manner.

43 (2) Whether each individual teacher resource officer is required to carry a
44 handgun on his or her person at all times or is permitted to sometimes stow
45 the handgun in a locked gun safe.

46 (i) Training. – A teacher resource officer shall complete the following training:

47 (1) All applicable in-service training required of a law enforcement officer
48 pursuant to Chapter 17C or Chapter 17E of the General Statutes.

49 (2) At least once every five years, training established by the North Carolina
50 Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission or the North

1 Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission, as
2 appropriate, to respond to an active shooter situation.

3 (j) Identity Not a Public Record. – The identity of a teacher as a teacher resource officer,
4 a teacher resource officer's certification records, and a teacher resource officer's oath of office
5 are confidential and not public records within the meaning of G.S. 132-1. Data and information
6 identifying a teacher as a teacher resource officer, a teacher resource officer's certification
7 records, and a teacher resource officer's oath of office shall not be subject to inspection and
8 examination under G.S. 132-6.

9 (k) Liability. – There shall be no liability on the part of and no cause of action shall arise
10 against a teacher resource officer, the entity that maintains the teacher resource officer's
11 certification, the employees of the entity who supervise the teacher resource officer as a law
12 enforcement officer, or the public school system or its employees for any good-faith action taken
13 by the teacher resource officer in the performance of his or her duties as a teacher resource officer
14 on entity educational property or other property within his or her jurisdiction pursuant subsection
15 (e) or (f) of this section.

16 (l) Exemption From Certain Statutes. – Notwithstanding Article 3 of Chapter 128 of the
17 General Statutes, Articles 12C, 12D, 12E, and 12F of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, and
18 Chapter 135 of the General Statutes, a teacher resource officer is not a law enforcement officer
19 within the meaning of those statutes.

20 (m) Elimination of Duty. – In the event a teacher resource officer is not fulfilling the duties
21 of a teacher resource officer, the following procedure shall be followed:

22 (1) If the teacher resource officer's certification is maintained by the employing
23 public education entity, the entity may, in its discretion, eliminate the teacher's
24 special duty as a teacher resource officer and stop payment of any
25 accompanying salary supplement. The employing education entity shall
26 provide 30 days' notice to the teacher resource officer before eliminating the
27 duty and stopping payment.

28 (2) If the teacher resource officer's certification is maintained by a local law
29 enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the teacher's school, the law
30 enforcement agency, after consultation with the employing public education
31 entity, may, in its discretion, eliminate the teacher's special duty as a teacher
32 resource officer. The employing public education entity shall simultaneously
33 stop payment of any accompanying salary supplement. The law enforcement
34 agency that has jurisdiction over the school and the employing public
35 education entity shall provide 30 days' notice to the teacher resource officer
36 before eliminating the duty and stopping payment."

37 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 115C-325(a)(4) reads as rewritten:

38 "(4) "Demote" means to reduce the salary of a person who is classified or paid by
39 the State Board of Education as a classroom teacher. The word "demote" does
40 not include: (i) a suspension without pay pursuant to G.S. 115C-325(f)(1); (ii)
41 the elimination or reduction of bonus payments, including merit-based
42 supplements, or a systemwide modification in the amount of any applicable
43 local supplement; or (iii) any reduction in salary that results from the
44 elimination of a special duty, such as the duty of an athletic coach or coach, a
45 choral director, director, or a teacher resource officer."

46 **SECTION 2.(c)** G.S. 115C-325.1(2) reads as rewritten:

47 "(2) "Demote" means to reduce the salary of a person who is classified or paid by
48 the State Board of Education as a classroom teacher or as a school
49 administrator during the time of the contract. The word "demote" does not
50 include (i) a suspension without pay pursuant to G.S. 115C-325.5(a); (ii) the
51 elimination or reduction of bonus payments, including merit-based

1 supplements or a systemwide modification in the amount of any applicable
 2 local supplement; (iii) any reduction in salary that results from the elimination
 3 of a special duty, such as the duty of an athletic ~~coach or coach~~, a choral
 4 ~~director; director~~, or a teacher resource officer; or (iv) any reduction of pay as
 5 compared to a prior term of contract."

6 **SECTION 2.(d)** G.S. 17C-6(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

7 "(18) Establish active shooter training for teacher resource officers pursuant to
 8 G.S. 115C-105.50(i)(2)."

9 **SECTION 2.(e)** G.S. 17E-4(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

10 "(14) Establish active shooter training for teacher resource officers pursuant to
 11 G.S. 115C-105.50(i)(2)."

12 **SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 160A-288(d) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

13 "(6) An employing public education entity as defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(3)."

14 **SECTION 3.(b)** Article 13 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by
 15 adding a new section to read:

16 "**§ 160A-288.5. Teacher resource officers.**

17 (a) The chief of police of a local police department or of a county police department may
 18 obtain certification of a candidate teacher resource officer, as defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(1),
 19 to become a law enforcement officer of the police department. In that instance, the candidate
 20 teacher resource officer shall take and subscribe before some person authorized by law to
 21 administer oaths the oath of office required of an officer of the police department by Section 7
 22 of Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution and G.S. 11-11. The oath shall be filed with the
 23 city clerk. Pursuant to G.S. 115C-105.50(j), the oath is not a public record within the meaning of
 24 G.S. 132-1 and shall not be subject to inspection and examination under G.S. 132-6.

25 (b) A teacher resource officer who is a law enforcement officer of the police department
 26 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall report to the chief of police and shall work under
 27 the direction and supervision of the chief of police or the chief's designee when carrying out
 28 duties related to his or her role as a law enforcement officer. In all other aspects, the teacher
 29 resource officer shall remain an employee of the employing public education entity, as defined
 30 in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(3)."

31 **SECTION 3.(c)** G.S. 17C-2 reads as rewritten:

32 "**§ 17C-2. Definitions.**

33 Unless the context clearly otherwise requires, the following definitions apply in this Chapter:

34 ...

35 (2) Criminal justice agencies. – The State and local law-enforcement agencies,
 36 the State correctional agencies, other correctional agencies maintained by
 37 local governments, ~~and~~ the juvenile justice ~~agencies~~, ~~agencies~~, and the
 38 employing public education entities, as defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(3),
 39 but shall not include deputy sheriffs, special deputy sheriffs, sheriffs' jailers,
 40 or other sheriffs' department personnel governed by the provisions of Chapter
 41 17E of these General Statutes.

42 (3) Criminal justice officers. – The administrative and subordinate personnel of
 43 all the departments, agencies, ~~units~~ ~~units~~, or entities comprising the criminal
 44 justice agencies who are sworn law-enforcement officers, both State and local,
 45 with the power of arrest; State correctional officers; State probation/parole
 46 officers; State probation/parole officers-surveillance; officers, supervisory
 47 and administrative personnel of local confinement facilities; State juvenile
 48 justice officers; chief court counselors; and juvenile court counselors.

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50 **SECTION 3.(d)** Article 3 of Chapter 162 of the General Statutes is amended by
 51 adding a new section to read:

1 **"§ 162-27. Teacher resource officers.**

2 (a) The sheriff may obtain certification for a candidate teacher resource officer, as
3 defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(1), to become a deputy sheriff of the office of the sheriff. In that
4 instance, the candidate teacher resource officer shall take and subscribe before some person
5 authorized by law to administer oaths the oath of office required of a reserve deputy sheriff of
6 the office of the sheriff by Section 7 of Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution and
7 G.S. 11-11. The oath shall be filed with the clerk to the board of commissioners. Pursuant to
8 G.S. 115C-105.50(j), the oath is not a public record within the meaning of G.S. 132-1 and shall
9 not be subject to inspection and examination under G.S. 132-6.

10 (b) A teacher resource officer who is a deputy sheriff of the office of the sheriff pursuant
11 to subsection (a) of this section shall report to the sheriff and shall work under the direction and
12 supervision of the sheriff or the sheriff's designee when carrying out duties related to his or her
13 role as a deputy sheriff. In all other aspects, the teacher resource officer shall remain an employee
14 of the employing public education entity, as defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(3)."

15 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 14-269(b)(4) reads as rewritten:

16 "(4) Officers of the State, or of any county, city, town, ~~or~~ company police ~~agency~~
17 agency, or employing public education entity, as defined in
18 G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(3), who are charged with the execution of the laws of
19 the State, when acting in the discharge of their official duties;"

20 **SECTION 5.(a)** Program; Purpose. – The Department of Public Instruction shall
21 establish the Teacher Resource Officer Grant Program (program). The purpose of the program is
22 to support the efforts of candidate teacher resource officers, as defined in
23 G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(1), who seek to increase school safety by becoming teacher resource
24 officers, as defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(9).

25 **SECTION 5.(b)** Program Eligibility and Selection. – Any candidate teacher resource
26 officer is eligible to apply for grant funds under the program. The Department of Public
27 Instruction shall select recipients for the funds from among eligible applicants according to the
28 following procedure:

- 29 (1) The Department shall first select persons for receipt of the grant funds from
30 among candidate teacher resource officer applicants with at least two years of
31 prior experience as either of the following:
32 a. A sworn law enforcement officer.
33 b. A member of the Armed Forces of the United States, provided that the
34 person was honorably discharged.
35 (2) In the event funds remain after selecting recipients pursuant to subdivision (1)
36 of this subsection, the Department shall select persons for receipt of grant
37 funds from among the remaining candidate teacher resource officer
38 applicants, in its discretion, taking into account the value of law enforcement
39 and military experience and the advisability of ensuring grant funds are
40 distributed fairly and evenly throughout the State.

41 **SECTION 5.(c)** Time Line. – By August 1, 2018, the Department shall establish the
42 criteria and guidelines for the grant application process for the upcoming school year, including
43 any documentation required to be submitted with the application. The Department shall accept
44 applications until November 1, 2018. The Department shall award grant funds under the Program
45 to the selected recipients no later than December 31, 2018.

46 **SECTION 5.(d)** Leave. – The State shall provide up to two weeks of additional paid
47 leave to all candidate teacher resource officers participating in the program. Candidate teacher
48 resource officers participating in the program shall take paid leave only with the approval of their
49 supervisors.

50 **SECTION 5.(e)** Amount of Funds. – Funds shall cover the full costs of attending
51 Basic Law Enforcement Training, including the costs of any tuition, books, or uniforms needed.

1 The Department of Public Instruction shall determine the amount of funds to be awarded to each
2 eligible teacher, in its discretion, based on the individual applications and supporting
3 documentation and award the appropriate amount.

4 **SECTION 5.(f)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
5 Public Instruction the sum of four million seven hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$4,770,000)
6 in nonrecurring funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to fund the Teacher Resource Officer Grant
7 Program for up to 3,000 candidate teacher resource officers.

8 **SECTION 6.(a)** For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the funded ratio of teacher resource
9 officers to students, per school, is up to one teacher resource officer for every 500 students, not
10 to exceed a total statewide funded cap of 3,000 teacher resource officers. A teacher, upon meeting
11 the criteria to become a teacher resource officer, as defined in G.S. 115C-105.50(b)(9), shall
12 submit to the Department of Public Instruction a one-time application to receive a salary
13 supplement each month of five percent (5%) of his or her monthly salary on the "A" salary
14 schedule. The Department shall provide salary supplements to teacher resource officers pursuant
15 to this section on a first-come, first-served basis until the per school funded ratio or total statewide
16 funded cap, as appropriate, is reached.

17 **SECTION 6.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
18 Public Instruction the sum of four million three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$4,350,000) in
19 recurring funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to provide a salary supplement of five percent (5%)
20 to teacher resource officers as provided in subsection (a) of this section. It is the intent of the
21 General Assembly to appropriate an additional four million three hundred fifty thousand dollars
22 (\$4,350,000) in recurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to continue to provide a salary
23 supplement of five percent (5%) to teacher resource officers as provided in subsection (a) of this
24 section.

25 **SECTION 7.(a)** Part 1 of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is
26 amended by adding a new section to read:

27 **"§ 115C-548.5. School safety management.**

28 (a) Each private church school or school of religious charter, in coordination with local
29 law enforcement and emergency management agencies, is encouraged to adopt a school risk
30 management plan relating to incidents of school violence. Each private school is encouraged to
31 provide schematic diagrams and keys to the main entrance of school facilities to local law
32 enforcement agencies and may place school crisis kits in schools.

33 (b) At least once a year, each private church school or school of religious charter is
34 encouraged to hold a full school-wide lockdown exercise with local law enforcement and
35 emergency management agencies as part of the school risk management plan.

36 (c) A school board of trustees or a school administrative director, as defined in
37 G.S. 14-269.2(a), of a private church school or school of religious charter may authorize a person
38 who has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of this Chapter or
39 considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24 to possess and carry a firearm, tear gas, or stun gun on
40 the educational property that is owned, used, or operated by the private school pursuant to
41 G.S. 14-269.2(g). The private school is encouraged to coordinate with local law enforcement on
42 the role and responsibilities in the school risk management plan of any person permitted to
43 possess and carry a firearm, tear gas, or stun gun on the educational property under this
44 subsection."

45 **SECTION 7.(b)** Part 2 of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is
46 amended by adding a new section to read:

47 **"§ 115C-556.5. School safety management.**

48 (a) Each qualified nonpublic school, in coordination with local law enforcement and
49 emergency management agencies, is encouraged to adopt a school risk management plan relating
50 to incidents of school violence. Each qualified nonpublic school is encouraged to provide

1 schematic diagrams and keys to the main entrance of school facilities to local law enforcement
2 agencies and may place school crisis kits in schools.

3 (b) At least once a year, each qualified nonpublic school is encouraged to hold a full
4 school-wide lockdown exercise with local law enforcement and emergency management
5 agencies as part of the school risk management plan.

6 (c) With consent of the local sheriff, a school board of trustees or a school administrative
7 director as defined in G.S. 14-269.2(a) of a qualified nonpublic school may authorize a person
8 who has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of this Chapter or
9 considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24 to possess and carry a firearm, tear gas, or stun gun on
10 the educational property that is owned, used, or operated by the private school pursuant to
11 G.S. 14-269.2(g). The private school is encouraged to coordinate with local law enforcement on
12 the role and responsibilities in the school risk management plan of any person permitted to
13 possess and carry a firearm, tear gas, or stun gun on the educational property under this
14 subsection."

15 **SECTION 7.(c)** G.S. 14-269.2(a) is amended by adding the following new
16 subdivisions to read:

17 "(1c) School board of trustees. – The governing body of any private school. For
18 purposes of parochial schools, the school board of trustees may be the board
19 of deacons, the board of elders, or any other designated board which oversees
20 the general affairs of the church, synagogue, temple, or other place of religious
21 worship that is affiliated with the private school.

22 (1d) School administrative director. – Any individual authorized by the school
23 board of trustees to act on behalf of the private school."

24 **SECTION 7.(d)** G.S. 14-269.2(g) is amended by adding the following new
25 subdivisions to read:

26 "(8) An employee or volunteer of a private school who meets all of the following
27 criteria:

28 a. The person has written authorization from (i) the school board of
29 trustees or the school administrative director and (ii) the local sheriff
30 to possess and carry a firearm, tear gas, or stun gun on the educational
31 property that is owned, used, or operated by the private school.

32 b. The weapon is a firearm, tear gas, or a stun gun.

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

36 d. The person has successfully completed under the direct supervision of
37 a certified National Rifle Association instructor or the equivalent a
38 minimum of eight hours of courses on, or relating to, gun safety and
39 the appropriate use of firearms that is in addition to the firearms
40 training and safety course required for a concealed handgun permit
41 under G.S. 14-415.12(a)(4). This is an annual training requirement.

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

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

50 (9) A person who has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with
51 Article 54B of this Chapter or that is considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24

1 and who is in a place of religious worship when students are not attending
2 class that is located on educational property owned, used, or operated by the
3 membership of the place of religious worship may possess and carry a firearm,
4 tear gas, or stun gun while the person is attending worship services, funeral
5 services, wedding ceremonies, christenings, religious fellowships, and any
6 other sacerdotal functions at the place of religious worship. For purposes of
7 this subdivision, the term "place of religious worship" includes any church,
8 chapel, meetinghouse, synagogue, temple, longhouse, mosque, or other
9 building that is regularly used and clearly identifiable as a place for religious
10 worship. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "attending" includes
11 ingress and egress between the place of religious worship and the designated
12 parking area for the place of religious worship."

13 **SECTION 8.** Section 7 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2018. Except as
14 otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1, 2018.