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Short Title: Firearm Disposal/UNC Campus Police.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 5, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW EACH DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, INSTITUTION, COMMISSION,
3 AND BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE, JUDICIAL, OR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF
4 NORTH CAROLINA AND CAMPUS POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
5 OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
6 CAROLINA TO SELL, TRADE, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF ANY OR ALL
7 SURPLUS WEAPONS IN THEIR POSSESSION TO ANY FEDERALLY LICENSED
8 FIREARM DEALER.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-63.1 reads as rewritten:

11 "**§ 143-63.1. Sale, disposal and destruction of firearms.**

12 (a) Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for any employee, officer or
13 official of the State in the exercise of his official duty to sell or otherwise dispose of any pistol,
14 revolver, shotgun or rifle to any person, firm, corporation, county or local governmental unit,
15 law-enforcement agency, or other legal entity.

16 (b) It shall be lawful for the Department of Administration, in the exercise of its official
17 duty, to sell any weapon described in subsection (a) hereof, to any county or local governmental
18 unit, law-enforcement agency in the State; provided, however, that such law-enforcement agency
19 files a written statement, duly notarized, with the seller of said weapon certifying that such
20 weapon is needed in law enforcement by such law-enforcement agency.

21 (c) All weapons described in subsection (a) hereof which are not sold as herein provided
22 within one year of being declared surplus property shall be destroyed by the Department of
23 Administration.

24 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, but subject to the provisions of
25 G.S. 20-187.2, ~~the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Division of Adult~~
26 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety, the Alcohol Law~~
27 ~~Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Safety, and the North Carolina State Bureau~~
28 ~~of Investigation~~ (i) each department, agency, institution, commission, and bureau of the
29 Executive, Judicial, or Legislative branch of North Carolina and (ii) campus law enforcement
30 agencies and campus police agencies of the constituent institutions of The University of North
31 Carolina may sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of any or all surplus weapons they possess to any
32 federally licensed firearm dealers. The sale, trade, or disposal of these weapons shall be in a
33 manner prescribed by the Department of Administration. Any moneys or property obtained from
34 the ~~sale, trade, sale~~ or disposal shall go to the general fund."

35 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

