AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(U)(2) and (5), relative to concealed handguns; to provide relative to concealed handguns carried by authorized persons in houses of worship; to provide for certain tactical training; to provide for requirements for certain religious organizations to allow concealed handguns to be carried in places of worship pursuant to valid handgun permits; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.3(U)(2) and (5) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures; definitions

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(2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not be construed to limit or prohibit any church, synagogue, or mosque from employing or designating as armed security guards persons who are either certified law enforcement officers or who are authorized to carry concealed handguns pursuant to the provisions of this Section. Armed security guards as provided in this Paragraph may be compensated, noncompensated, or volunteers.

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(5) Any church, synagogue, or mosque authorizing the carrying of concealed handguns pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall require an additional eight hour hours of tactical training for those persons wishing to carry concealed
handguns in the church, synagogue, or mosque if required by the entity which has authority over the religious organization pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection or by the owner of the building's liability insurance policy. The training shall be conducted annually.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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