



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

# SENATE BILL 315: School Playgrounds Available to Public

2015-2016 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Education/Higher Education	<b>Date:</b>	April 1, 2015
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sens. Pate, Tillman, Van Duyn	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Denise Adams
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**SUMMARY:** *Senate Bill 315 would authorize local boards of education to make outdoor school property available to the public for recreational purposes.*

*The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for Senate Bill 315 would (i) clarify outdoor school property may be available to the public for recreational purposes when not otherwise being used for school purposes and (ii) make several conforming and technical changes.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under current law, local boards of education may adopt rules and regulations under which they may enter into agreements permitting non-school groups to use most school real and personal property for non-school purposes so long as such use is consistent with the proper preservation and care of the public school property. Current law provides that liability does not attach to any board of education, individually or collectively, for personal injury suffered by reason of the use of school property used under the agreement.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for Senate Bill 315 would authorize local boards of education to make outdoor school property available to the public for recreational purposes, subject to terms and conditions each board deems appropriate, (i) when not otherwise being used for school purposes and (ii) so long as such use is consistent with the proper preservation and care of the school property.

The PCS would also provide that liability does not attach to any board of education or any individual board member for personal injury suffered by reason of the use of school property.

The PCS makes several other conforming changes.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

