A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT AUTHORIZING LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO MAKE OUTDOOR
SCHOOL PROPERTY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR RECREATIONAL
PURPOSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-524 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-524. Repair of school property; use of buildings for other than school purposes.
(a) Repair of school buildings is subject to the provisions of G.S. 115C-521(c) and (d).
(b) It shall be the duty of local boards of education and tax-levying authorities, in order
   to safeguard the investment made in public schools, to keep all school buildings in good repair
   to the end that all public school property shall be taken care of and be at all times in proper
   condition for use. It shall be the duty of all principals, teachers, and janitors to report to their
   respective boards of education immediately any unsanitary condition, damage to school
   property, or needed repair. All principals, teachers, and janitors shall be held responsible for the
   safekeeping of the buildings during the school session and all breakage and damage shall be
   repaired by those responsible for same, and where any principal or teacher shall permit damage
   to the public school buildings by lack of proper discipline of pupils, such principal or teacher
   shall be held responsible for such damage: Provided, principals and teachers shall not be held
   responsible for damage that they could not have prevented by reasonable supervision in the
   performance of their duties.
   (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 115C-263 and 115C-264, local boards of
   education may adopt rules and regulations under which they may enter into agreements
   permitting non-school groups to use school real and personal property, except for school buses,
   for other than school purposes so long as such use is consistent with the proper preservation
   and care of the public school property. No liability shall attach to any board of education,
   individually or collectively, for personal injury suffered by reason of the use of such school
   property pursuant to such agreements.
   (d) Local boards of education may make outdoor school property available to the public
   for recreational purposes so long as such use is consistent with the proper preservation and care
   of the outdoor school property. No liability shall attach to any board of education, individually
   or collectively, for personal injury suffered by reason of the use of such school property
   pursuant to such agreements."

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