

Senate Bill 148

By: Senators Hatchett of the 50th and Rahman of the 5th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to public school property and facilities, so as to provide for an outdoor learning  
3 spaces pilot program; to provide for a pilot program evaluation and report; to provide for  
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 public school property and facilities, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

9 "Part 4

10 20-2-590.

11 (a) The Department of Education is authorized to establish a pilot program, beginning in  
12 the 2025-2026 school year, to provide for the development and study of outdoor learning  
13 spaces on elementary and secondary school property. The purpose of the pilot program

14 shall be to determine whether and how to implement best practices and design standards  
15 for outdoor learning spaces.

16 (b) The Department of Education is authorized to select elementary or secondary schools  
17 with sufficient existing or potential outdoor learning spaces for participation in the pilot  
18 program as pilot schools. Private, nonprofit, and local school system funding may be  
19 utilized by such pilot schools for community engagement, school grounds design support,  
20 and capital construction costs. The local board of education for each pilot school shall  
21 agree to implement a program to incorporate outdoor learning spaces into the existing  
22 curriculum and to continue to provide such program for a period no shorter than three  
23 years.

24 (c) The Department of Education shall provide for an evaluation regarding the success and  
25 impact of the pilot program upon completion of the third year of the pilot program and  
26 shall report the results of such evaluation to the House Committee on Education and the  
27 Senate Education and Youth Committee."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.