

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offers the following substitute to HB 372:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-2068.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 a facilities fund for charter schools, so as to prohibit additional requirements of a charter  
3 school to operate that has passed state facility inspections and received a certificate of  
4 occupancy; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;  
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Utopian Academy for the Arts Act."  
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**SECTION 2.**

9 Code Section 20-2-2068.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a facilities  
10 fund for charter schools, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:  
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12 "(i) No municipality, county, or other local political subdivision of this state may require  
13 the nonprofit corporation that holds the charter for a charter school that has passed the  
14 Department of Education facility inspection and holds a valid certificate of occupancy to  
15 obtain any other licensure to operate the school, including, but not limited to, a business  
16 license, professional license, or occupational tax certificate; provided, however, that any  
17 for profit vendor of the charter school shall be subject to any applicable local requirements  
18 relating to doing business in this state. Charter schools shall be subject to all applicable  
19 zoning, planning, and building permitting requirements when constructing or renovating  
20 a facility."

**SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.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