

House Bill 372

By: Representatives Coomer of the 14th, Glanton of the 75th, Nimmer of the 178th, Dickey of the 140th, Coleman of the 97th, and others

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:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Utopian Academy for the Arts Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Code Section 20-2-2068.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a facilities
11 fund for charter schools, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

12 "(i) No municipality, county, or other local political subdivision of this state may require
13 a charter school that has passed the Department of Education facility inspection and holds
14 a valid certificate of occupancy to obtain any other licensure to operate, including, but not
15 limited to, a business license, professional license, or occupational tax certificate. Charter
16 schools shall be subject to all applicable zoning, planning, and building permitting
17 requirements when constructing or renovating a facility."

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.