

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 630

HOUSE BILL NO. 378

By Representatives Lollar, Coley, McManus, Eldridge

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 670

By Senator Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-101, relative to building regulations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-101(b), is amended by inserting the following as new subdivision (5) thereto:

(5) Notwithstanding the applicability of the standards set forth in subsection (a) to educational occupancies, any entity undertaking to construct an educational occupancy within the jurisdictional boundaries of a local government that chooses to enforce its own code pursuant to this subsection (b) may begin construction upon approval of its building plans by such local government while, if the codes enforced by the local government are the same or more stringent than the codes enforced by the state fire marshal, awaiting final approval of its plans by the state fire marshal. If a conflict arises between the state fire marshal and the local government relative to the application or interpretation of the same or substantially identical building construction safety standards or fire safety standards, then the determination of the state fire marshal shall supersede the conflicting application or interpretation by the local government.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: February 25, 2010



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of March 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR