



# House of Representatives

**File No. 818**

General Assembly

January Session, 2009

**(Reprint of File No. 588)**

Substitute House Bill No. 6565  
As Amended by House  
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
April 24, 2009

**AN ACT CONCERNING A POLICY REGARDING DISSECTION IN CLASSROOMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) No local or regional school
- 2 district shall require students raising a conscientious objection to
- 3 participate in the dissection of any animal as part of classroom
- 4 instruction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section
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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill, which requires school districts to excuse a student from performing animal dissections if the student raises a conscientious objection to doing so, will not result in a fiscal impact, as resources for virtual dissection are available free of cost.

House "A" removes the reference to animal experiments, and is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6565 (as amended by House "A")\***

***AN ACT CONCERNING A POLICY REGARDING DISSECTION IN CLASSROOMS.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires a school district to excuse a student from participating in animal dissections as part of classroom instruction if the student raises a conscientious objection to doing so.

\*House Amendment "A" removes a reference to "performing experiments or dissections" and replaces it with "participating in dissections."

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/23/2009)