



# House of Representatives

**File No. 878**

General Assembly

January Session, 2011

**(Reprint of File No. 347)**

House Bill No. 5530  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
June 2, 2011

## **AN ACT CONCERNING DISSECTION CHOICE.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) A local or regional board of
- 2 education shall permit a student to not perform dissections on any
- 3 animal as part of classroom instruction if such student provides
- 4 written consent by the parent or guardian of such student for such
- 5 nonperformance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section
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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill states that a local or regional board of education must excuse a student from participating in an animal dissection if the student is able to provide the school with written consent from their parent or guardian, and is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

House "A" struck the underlying bill, which had no fiscal impact.

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***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5530 (as amended by House "A")\******AN ACT CONCERNING DISSECTION CHOICE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires a local or regional school board to exempt a student who has his or her parent's or guardian's written consent from performing animal dissections as part of classroom instruction.

\*House Amendment "A" replaces the original file (File 347), which prohibited a local or regional school board from requiring any student who raises a conscientious objection to perform animal dissection as part of his or her classroom instruction.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Change of Reference           (02/09/2011)  
Voice Vote

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Change of Reference  
Yea   11    Nay   1       (03/03/2011)

Education Committee

Joint Favorable  
Yea   30    Nay   2       (03/17/2011)