

Testimony submitted to the Committee on Children
On HB 5530 AN ACT CONCERNING DISSECTION CHOICE

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The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education has concerns about HB 5530 AN ACT CONCERNING DISSECTION CHOICE. In an effort to outline the district impact for the committee, CABA wants to let you know what this restriction would cause districts to consider:

Parental approval form-creation, adoption, review to implement

Alternative lesson plan – a number of resources would need to be reviewed, depending on the objection and which course. An educationally comparable alternative learning experience would need to be implemented and tailored to the student.

Alternative coursework- the work would need to be done in roughly the same timeline as the suggested curriculum, and then reviewed separately by the teacher and then possible reviewed by the student and teacher together.

The time and financial resources to alter the curriculum are a burden to the district. During these tough economic times, we cannot support this specific mandated legislation.