

Dear Honorable Members of the Children's Committee,

I am writing in SUPPORT of HB 6329, AAC Dissection Choice.

Children should be given the chance to opt out of dissection and perform an alternative assignment. Most medical schools have eliminated the use of animals in teaching, and dissection is an archaic teaching tool. Dissection can be replaced with more effective and cost effective alternatives, like computer programs. Many studies have shown that kids who use alternatives have been shown to grasp the learning objective better than those who dissect.

We need to join our neighboring states (and others) that have laws of policies to allow kids to opt-out, including Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Maine, Vermont, and New Jersey. This is an important issue to me, and I vote.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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