



# House of Representatives

## File No. 789

General Assembly

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**(Reprint of File No. 38)**

House Bill No. 6329  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedules "A" and "B"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
May 10, 2013

### **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, 2013*) (a) A local or regional school  
2 district shall excuse any student from participating in, or observing,  
3 the dissection of any animal as part of classroom instruction, provided  
4 the parent or guardian of such student has requested, in writing, that  
5 such student be excused from such participation or observation.

6 (b) Any student excused from participating in, or observing, the  
7 dissection of any animal as part of classroom instruction shall be  
8 required to complete an alternate assignment to be determined by the  
9 local or regional school district.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill, which: (1) allows a local or regional school district to excuse a student from participating in, or observing, the dissection of any animal, (2) requires that a parent or guardian of the student wishing to be excused from the dissection, request so in writing, and (3) requires an excused student must complete an alternate assignment, none of which result in a fiscal impact.

House "A" requires that a parent or guardian of the student wishing to be excused from dissection, request so in writing, and does not result in a fiscal impact.

House "B" requires that an excused student complete an alternate assignment and does not result in a fiscal impact.

### ***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6329 (as amended by House "A" and "B")\******AN ACT CONCERNING DISSECTION CHOICE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires school districts to excuse any student from participating in, or observing, animal dissections as part of classroom instruction if the student's parent or guardian has requested such in writing. An excused student must complete an alternate assignment that the school district determines.

\*House Amendment "A" requires the written request for excusal to be from a student's parent or guardian instead of the student.

\*House Amendment "B" requires the alternate assignment for excused students.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Children Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (02/28/2013)

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 30 Nay 1 (04/10/2013)