
HOUSE BILL 2859

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of animals in schools; adding a new
2 section to chapter 28A.600 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.320 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 Any student who expresses an objection to the performance of or
8 witnessing the dissection of an animal shall not be required to
9 participate in or observe the dissection. Alternative projects shall
10 be provided for the student. The student shall not be penalized for
11 the refusal.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 Each school district board of directors shall adopt policies
15 requiring any live animals on the premises of a public school to be
16 housed and cared for in a safe and humane manner including but not
17 limited to:

1 (1) Maintaining the animal under the best possible conditions of
2 health, comfort, and well-being with sufficient food, water, and
3 shelter with considerable likeness to the animal's natural habitat,
4 enough space to get adequate exercise, and appropriate and comfortable
5 temperatures;

6 (2) Permitting experimentation with animals only to the extent
7 permitted under chapter 16.52 RCW and if qualifying as a properly
8 conducted scientific experiment under RCW 16.52.180; and

9 (3) Providing for any interaction with animals under the personal
10 direction of an educational employee of the school district who is
11 familiar with the requirements of the laws requiring the humane
12 treatment of animals and the prevention of cruelty to animals.

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