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

Dissection is unnecessary and cruel. Stand up for animals, and exercise your rights. Choose not to dissect.

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