KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Blue | Bill # 22** **Referred to Committee: Senate 3**
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School: Seton Catholic School	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Lexington	

An act to require all schools in the state of Kentucky to all students in grades 6-12 to choose between animal dissection or another alternative.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Animal dissection is a common part of the science curriculum for middle and high school students. This bill would allow students to choose either to dissect an animal or choose another alternative.

Section 2: There are other ways to learn about the body without dissecting animals. There are DVD's, models, and virtual computer programs that are all a part of a program called BioLEAP. BioLEAP is a lending library that lends these alternative programs to school at no cost to the school.

Section 3: Every year, tens of millions of animals are killed for the purpose of dissecting. There are 170 different species of animals that are abused and killed for the purpose of dissection each year.

Section 4: Animal dissection is also harmful to humans including exposure to sharp object and dangerous chemical that have been linked to medical issues including cancer, eye problems, and asthma attacks. Also, because the animals are killed for dissections, animal populations have decreased in several places, damaging the environment.

Section 5: Dissection is not necessary for the use of academics. There is no state board of education that requires animal dissection to graduate high school, and there are no colleges or universities that require incoming students to have dissecting animals.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.