

SENATE BILL NO. 1319

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOON.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 578.012, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to animals, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 578.012, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 173.2600 and 578.012, to read as follows:

173.2600. 1. Any public university or college, or private university or college, that receives state funds and uses animals in research, shall post on its website a written report on such animal research prior to December thirty-first of each year. This report shall be posted on the internet in a conspicuous and easily accessible location so that the members of the general assembly and the public can access a copy of the report electronically. The written report shall contain the following:

(1) An accounting of the total amount of funding expended for animal research by the college or university during the preceding state fiscal year. This shall include amounts of state, federal, private, and other revenue sources;

(2) A list of active animal research projects, including project titles, the university or college department, animal species, number of animals, fiscal year

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

18 cost, total cost to date, funding source, and the start and
19 end dates;

20 (3) A review of compliance with the federal Animal
21 Welfare Act, 7 U.S.C. Section 2116 et seq., as amended, the
22 United States Public Health Policy on Humane Care and Use of
23 Laboratory Animals, and other applicable local, state, and
24 federal laws, regulations, and policies governing animal
25 research. This shall include an explanation of any animal
26 research noncompliance documented during the preceding state
27 fiscal year and corrective actions taken in each case;

28 (4) An accounting of the number of animals by species
29 adopted out from research laboratories during the preceding
30 state fiscal year to animal shelters, as defined in section
31 273.325, or to animal rescue organizations, and the number
32 of animals euthanized;

33 (5) Current rosters for all Institutional Animal Care
34 and Use Committees within the college or university; and

35 (6) A detailed explanation of specific efforts by the
36 college or university to refine, reduce, and replace the use
37 of animals in research during the preceding state fiscal
38 year. This shall include the number of animals by species
39 used in research each year for the past three state fiscal
40 years and anticipated numbers in the next fiscal year.

41 2. The use of animals in research shall include
42 animals used in scientific research, in testing, and for
43 experimentation purposes.

578.012. 1. A person commits the offense of animal
2 abuse if he or she:

3 (1) Intentionally or purposely kills an animal in any
4 manner not allowed by or expressly exempted from the
5 provisions of sections 578.005 to 578.023 and 273.030;

6 (2) Purposely or intentionally causes injury or
7 suffering to an animal; [or]

8 (3) Having ownership or custody of an animal knowingly
9 fails to provide adequate care which results in substantial
10 harm to the animal; **or**

11 **(4) Causes injury to the sexual organs of a female dog**
12 **or needlessly causes pain to a female dog during artificial**
13 **insemination.**

14 2. Animal abuse is a class A misdemeanor, unless the
15 defendant has previously been found guilty of animal abuse
16 or the suffering involved in subdivision (2) of subsection 1
17 of this section is the result of torture or mutilation
18 consciously inflicted while the animal was alive, in which
19 case it is a class E felony.

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