

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 168

Introduced by Assembly Member Nation

February 5, 2001

An act to amend Section 51540 of the Education Code, relating to educational instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 168, as introduced, Nation. Education instruction: humane treatment of animals.

Existing law prohibits, in public elementary school and high school activities or classes, live vertebrate animals from being experimentally medicated or drugged in a manner that causes painful reactions or induces painful or lethal pathological conditions and also prohibits them from being injured through any other treatments. Existing law states that these provisions are not intended to prohibit or constrain vocational education in the normal practices of animal husbandry from these provisions.

This bill would delete this statement of intent.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51540 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 51540. (a) In the public elementary and high schools or in
4 public elementary and high school school-sponsored activities and
5 classes held elsewhere than on school premises, live vertebrate

1 animals shall not, as part of a scientific experiment or any purpose
2 whatever:

3 ~~(a)~~

4 (1) Be experimentally medicated or drugged in a manner to
5 cause painful reactions or induce painful or lethal pathological
6 conditions.

7 ~~(b)~~

8 (2) Be injured through any other treatments, including, but not
9 limited to, anesthetization or electric shock.

10 (b) Live animals on the premises of a public elementary or high
11 school shall be housed and cared for in a humane and safe manner.

12 ~~The provisions of this section are not intended to prohibit or~~
13 ~~constrain vocational instruction in the normal practices of animal~~
14 ~~husbandry.~~

