



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 703**

January Session, 2025

Substitute House Bill No. 6277

*House of Representatives, April 15, 2025*

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. PARKER of the 101st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF ANIMALS FROM CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-150e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section, "animal adoption or animal rescue  
4 organization" means any collaboration of individuals or any nonprofit  
5 organization that is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3)  
6 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding  
7 internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to  
8 time, that has, as part of such collaboration's or organization's purposes,  
9 the sale or placement of animals that were removed from animal  
10 shelters, municipal dog pounds or an individual's home.

11 (b) Each constituent unit of the state system of higher education, each  
12 public institution of higher education and each independent institution  
13 of higher education shall offer for adoption by an animal adoption or

14 animal rescue organization any cat, rabbit, guinea pig, ferret or dog that  
15 such constituent unit or institution of higher education possesses for the  
16 purpose of conducting research or testing provided such offer occurs  
17 after the completion of any such research or testing, such research or  
18 testing does not require the destruction of such cat, rabbit, guinea pig,  
19 ferret or dog and such animal is no longer needed by such constituent  
20 unit or institution of higher education. Any constituent unit of higher  
21 education or institution of higher education that is required to offer a  
22 cat, rabbit, guinea pig, ferret or dog for adoption pursuant to this section  
23 may enter into an agreement with an animal adoption or animal rescue  
24 organization for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this  
25 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	10a-150e
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**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill expands the types of animals used in scientific research that institutions of higher education can offer for adoption. This has no fiscal impact to the constituent units of higher education, as it is not anticipated to impact the cost of any scientific research.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 6277*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF ANIMALS FROM CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires public and private higher education institutions, under certain circumstances, to offer any rabbit, guinea pig, or ferret used for research or testing to an animal adoption or rescue organization for adoption. An institution must make the adoption offer when the (1) research or testing is complete, (2) destruction of the animal is not required, and (3) animal is no longer needed by the institution. Existing law already requires these institutions to make an adoption offer for cats and dogs used in research or testing.

The law allows the institutions to enter into agreements with adoption or rescue organizations for this purpose. It specifies that these organizations include a collaboration of individuals or nonprofit organizations who sell or place animals that were removed from animal shelters, municipal dog pounds, or homes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 33      Nay 0      (03/28/2025)