



**THE LEAGUE  
OF  
HUMANE VOTERS®  
OF NEW YORK**

**POLITICAL ACTION FOR ANIMALS**

**MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL HUMANE EDUCATION A.416/S.4533**

**TO: ASSEMBLYMEMBER BENEDETTO, CHAIR, EDUCATION COMMITTEE,  
SENATOR MAYER, CHAIR, EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**CC: ASSEMBLYMEMBER ROSENTHAL AND SENATOR HARKHAM**



The League of Humane Voters®/NY (LOHV®/NY) strongly supports A.416/S.4533. This important bill will provide learning experiences that give those in secondary schools the education needed to become compassionate towards animals and people.

Intentional cruelty to animals is strongly correlated with other crimes, including violence against people (HSUS). More than 80% of family members being treated for child abuse also had abused animals. In two-thirds of these cases, an abusive parent had killed or injured a pet. In one-third of the cases, a child victim continued the cycle of violence by abusing a pet (PAWS).

H.E.A.R.T (Humane Education Advocates Reaching Teachers) provides teacher training and educational resources for traditional and nontraditional K-12 instructors in U.S. schools, to be caring and compassionate toward animals, people, and our planet, while meeting academic standards. For example:

- More than 200 free lesson plans, student activities, and reproducible worksheets
- Lesson plans are aligned to Common Core State Standards, address SEL core competencies and include connections to STEM, ISTE and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- They blend easily into several different subject areas to enhance the content already taught.

Records in secondary schools must be maintained to verify teaching Humane Education.

This legislation puts into place classes that instill compassion for animals, people, and the environment, thereby lessening the percentages of violence committed by people who have not had the opportunity to take a Humane Education course.

Bill A.416/S.4533 will lead young people to be kinder to animals and better citizens in society.

For these reasons, the League of Humane Voters®/NY strongly urges support and passage of A.416/S.4533.

*The Mission of the League of Humane Voters® (LOHV) is to create, unite, and strengthen local political action committees, which work to enact animal-friendly legislation and elect candidates for public office who will use their votes and influence for animal protection.*