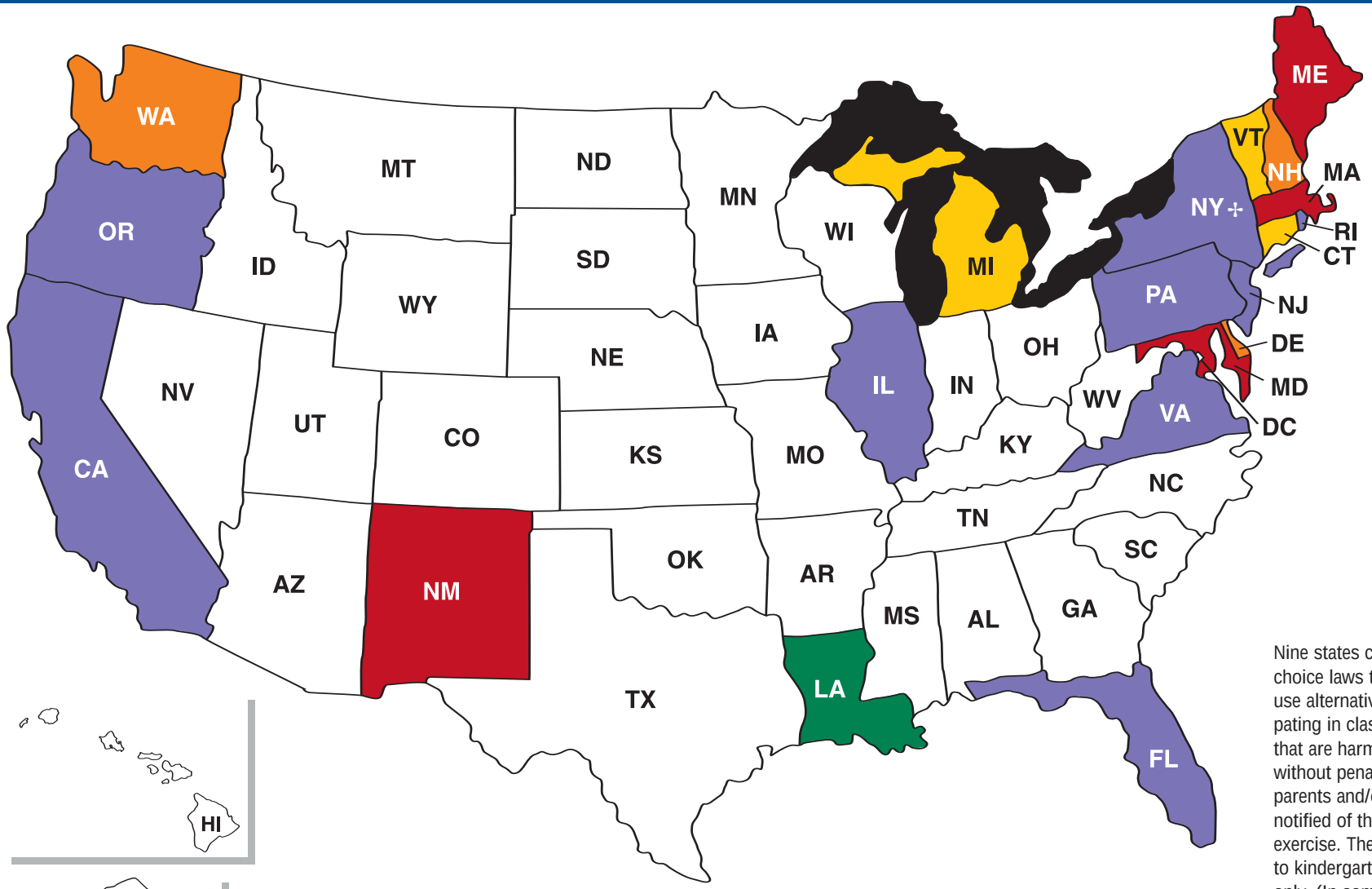
Dissection Choice States



KEY

- State law
- State resolution
- Department of Education policy
- ✢ New York: Legislation pending that would prohibit the dissection of dogs and cats
- Pending legislation (as of 2/07)
- Past legislation failed

Nine states currently have student choice laws that allow students to use alternatives instead of participating in classroom exercises that are harmful to animals—and without penalty. In most cases, parents and/or students must be notified of the choice prior to the exercise. The existing laws apply to kindergarten through high school only. (In some cases, teachers may still require dissections if they believe no adequate alternatives exist.) Some states have resolutions or policies that serve a similar purpose. The HSUS is seeking to increase the number of states with student choice laws and policies.

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