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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring higher  
education research facilities to make available certain information  
regarding the adoption of dogs or cats

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 239-b of the education law, as  
2 added by chapter 240 of the laws of 2016, is amended and a new subdivi-  
3 sion 4 is added to read as follows:

4 2. A facility that is required to offer dogs or cats for adoption  
5 under this section may enter into an agreement with an animal rescue and  
6 shelter organization, a duly incorporated society for the prevention of  
7 cruelty to animals, a duly incorporated humane society, or a duly incor-  
8 porated animal protective association that operates physical animal  
9 sheltering facilities and offers household pets to the public for  
10 adoption by way of an established adoption program~~[-]~~, that is exempt  
11 from taxes pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of section 501 of  
12 the federal Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501, or any subsequent  
13 corresponding sections of the federal Internal Revenue Code, as from  
14 time to time amended.

15 4. A facility that is required to offer dogs or cats for adoption  
16 under this section shall make available on the facility's website:

17 (a) an adoption policy that details the specific steps that such  
18 facility takes to provide for the adoption of a dog or cat deemed suit-  
19 able for adoption pursuant to subdivision three of this section; and

20 (b) beginning January first, two thousand twenty-six, a report that  
21 shall include, but not be limited to, the following information for the  
22 preceding year:

23 (i) the total number of dogs and cats the facility released for  
24 adoption through private placement;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (ii) the total number of dogs and cats the facility released for  
2 adoption to an animal rescue and shelter organization, a duly incorpo-  
3 rated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, a duly incorpo-  
4 rated humane society, or a duly incorporated animal protective associ-  
5 ation that operates physical animal sheltering facilities and offers  
6 household pets to the public for adoption by way of an established  
7 adoption program; and

8 (iii) a list of all such organizations, societies and associations to  
9 which a dog or cat was released by such facility for adoption.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
11 have become a law.