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## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 7

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DIGEST OF SB 7 (Updated March 10, 2021 2:56 pm - DI 77)

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-23.

**Synopsis:** Forensic nurses. Specifies requirements that a registered nurse must meet in order to practice as a forensic nurse. Requires biennial continuing education for a forensic nurse. Provides that a forensic nurse who is practicing as a forensic nurse on June 30, 2021, is not required to meet the biennial forensic nursing education requirements until June 30, 2023.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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### Crider, Charbonneau, Becker, Breaux, Melton

(HOUSE SPONSORS — OLTHOFF, VERMILION)

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January 7, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

February 4, 2021, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

February 8, 2021, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

February 9, 2021, read third time, passed. Yeas 47, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

February 23, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

March 11, 2021, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23-1-1.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2021]: **Sec. 1.6. As used in this chapter, "forensic nurse" means**  
4 **a registered nurse licensed under section 11 of this chapter who**  
5 **meets the requirements of section 35 of this chapter.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 25-23-1-35 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
7 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
8 1, 2021]: **Sec. 35. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), in order**  
9 **for an individual to practice as a forensic nurse, the individual**  
10 **must meet the following requirements:**

11 (1) **Holds an active license as a registered nurse under this**  
12 **article.**

13 (2) **Completes a biennial forensic nursing educational**  
14 **program that has either been:**

15 (A) **identified by the state department of health's statewide**  
16 **sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) coordinator and**  
17 **administered by the Indiana SANE training project; or**

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1                   **(B) approved by the board and that is substantially**  
2                   **equivalent to a program described in clause (A).**  
3                   **(3) Submits to the board a certificate of completion of a**  
4                   **program described in subdivision (2).**  
5                   **(b) The board shall determine the criteria and requirements for**  
6                   **biennial continuing education for a forensic nurse, taking into**  
7                   **consideration programs approved by the state department of**  
8                   **health's statewide sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE)**  
9                   **coordinator or provided by the Indiana SANE training project. A**  
10                   **forensic nurse shall meet the continuing education requirements**  
11                   **set by the board under this subsection in order to continue**  
12                   **practicing as a forensic nurse.**  
13                   **(c) A forensic nurse who is practicing as a forensic nurse on**  
14                   **June 30, 2021, is not required to meet the education requirements**  
15                   **set forth in subsection (a)(2) until June 30, 2023.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 7, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 5.

Page 2, line 9, after "nurse" insert "**licensed under section 11 of this chapter**".

Page 2, line 9, delete ":" and insert "**meets the requirements of section 35 of this chapter**".

Page 2, delete lines 10 through 26, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 25-23-1-35 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 35. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), in order for an individual to practice as a forensic nurse, the individual must meet the following requirements:**

**(1) Holds an active license as a registered nurse under this article.**

**(2) Completes a biennial forensic nursing educational program that has either been:**

**(A) identified by the state department of health's statewide sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) coordinator and administered by the Indiana SANE training project; or**

**(B) approved by the board and that is substantially equivalent to a program described in clause (A).**

**(3) Submits to the board a certificate of completion of a program described in subdivision (2).**

**(b) The board shall determine the criteria and requirements for biennial continuing education for a forensic nurse, taking into consideration programs approved by the state department of health's statewide sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) coordinator or provided by the Indiana SANE training project. A forensic nurse shall meet the continuing education requirements set by the board under this subsection in order to continue practicing as a forensic nurse.**



**(c) A registered nurse who is practicing as a forensic nurse on June 30, 2021, is not required to meet the education requirements set forth in subsection (a)(2) or the certification submission requirement set forth in subsection (a)(3)."**

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 7 as introduced.)

CHARBONNEAU, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0.

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#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred Senate Bill 7, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 13 through 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(c) A forensic nurse who is practicing as a forensic nurse on June 30, 2021, is not required to meet the education requirements set forth in subsection (a)(2) until June 30, 2023."**

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 7 as printed February 5, 2021.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

