

1 AN ACT relating to sexual violence training.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 311.601 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The board may adopt reasonable rules and regulations to effectuate and implement  
5 the provisions of KRS 311.550 to 311.620, including but not limited to regulations  
6 designed to ensure the continuing professional competency of present and future  
7 licensees. As an adjunct to the power conferred upon the board by this section, the  
8 board may require licensees to submit to interrogation as to the nature and extent of  
9 their postgraduate medical education and to require licensees found to be deficient  
10 in their efforts to keep abreast of new methods and technology, to obtain additional  
11 instruction and training therein.

12 (2) As part of the continuing medical education which the board adopts to ensure  
13 continuing professional competency of present and future licensees, the board shall  
14 ensure that:

15 (a) Current practicing pediatricians, including those certified in medicine and  
16 pediatrics, radiologists, family practitioners, and those physicians practicing in  
17 an emergency medicine or urgent care setting, demonstrate completion of a  
18 one (1) time course of at least one (1) hour of continuing medical education  
19 approved by the board and covering the recognition and prevention of  
20 pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in KRS 620.020, prior to December  
21 31, 2017; and

22 (b) Future practicing pediatricians, including those certified in medicine and  
23 pediatrics, radiologists, family practitioners, and those physicians who will  
24 practice in an emergency medicine or urgent care setting, demonstrate  
25 completion of a one (1) time course of at least one (1) hour of continuing  
26 medical education, or its equivalent, approved by the board and covering the  
27 recognition and prevention of pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in

1 KRS 620.020, within five (5) years of licensure.

2 **(3) As a part of the continuing education requirements which the board adopts to**  
3 **ensure continuing competency of present and future licensees, the board shall**  
4 **ensure that licensees demonstrate completion of a one-time training course of at**  
5 **least three (3) hours covering awareness of sexual violence, including the**  
6 **prevalence of sexual violence in Kentucky, legal requirements, model protocols**  
7 **for emergency facilities, and community resources, within five (5) years of**  
8 **licensure.**

9 ➔Section 2. KRS 311.844 is amended to read as follows:

10 (1) To be licensed by the board as a physician assistant, an applicant shall:

11 (a) Submit a completed application form with the required fee;

12 (b) Be of good character and reputation;

13 (c) Be a graduate of an approved program; and

14 (d) Have passed an examination approved by the board within three (3) attempts.

15 (2) A physician assistant who is authorized to practice in another state and who is in  
16 good standing may apply for licensure by endorsement from the state of his or her  
17 credentialing if that state has standards substantially equivalent to those of this  
18 Commonwealth.

19 (3) A physician assistant's license shall be renewed upon fulfillment of the following  
20 requirements:

21 (a) The holder shall be of good character and reputation;

22 (b) The holder shall provide evidence of completion during the previous two (2)  
23 years of a minimum of one hundred (100) hours of continuing education  
24 approved by the American Medical Association, the American Osteopathic  
25 Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American  
26 Academy of Physician Assistants, or by another entity approved by the board;

27 (c) The holder shall provide evidence of completion of a continuing education

1 course on the human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency  
2 syndrome;

3 (d) As a part of the continuing education requirements that the board adopts to  
4 ensure continuing competency of present and future licensees the board shall  
5 ensure that physician's assistants shall demonstrate completion of a one-time  
6 training course of one and one-half (1.5) hours of training covering the  
7 prevention and recognition of pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in  
8 KRS 620.020. The one and one-half (1.5) hours of continuing education  
9 required under this section shall be included in the current number of required  
10 continuing education hours; ~~and~~

11 (e) As a part of the continuing education requirements which the board adopts  
12 to ensure continuing competency of present and future licensees, the board  
13 shall ensure that physician's assistants demonstrate completion of a one-  
14 time training course of at least three (3) hours covering awareness of sexual  
15 violence, including the prevalence of sexual violence in Kentucky, legal  
16 requirements, model protocols for emergency facilities, and community  
17 resources. The three (3) hours of continuing education required under this  
18 paragraph shall be included in the current number of required continuing  
19 education hours; and

20 (f) The holder shall provide proof of current certification with the National  
21 Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

22 ➔Section 3. KRS 311A.120 is amended to read as follows:

23 (1) As a condition of being issued a certificate or license as an emergency medical  
24 technician or first responder, the applicant shall have completed a Kentucky Board  
25 of Emergency Medical Services approved educational course on the transmission,  
26 control, treatment, and prevention of the human immunodeficiency virus and  
27 acquired immunodeficiency syndrome with an emphasis on appropriate behavior

1 and attitude change.

2 (2) The board shall require continuing education for emergency medical technicians or  
3 first responders that includes the completion of one and one-half (1.5) hours of  
4 board approved continuing education covering the recognition and prevention of  
5 pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in KRS 620.020, at least one (1) time  
6 every five (5) years. The one and one-half (1.5) hours required under this section  
7 shall be included in the current number of required continuing education hours.

8 **(3) The board shall require continuing education for emergency medical technicians**  
9 **or first responders which includes the completion of a one-time training course of**  
10 **at least three (3) hours covering awareness of sexual violence, including**  
11 **reporting options, care options, pre-hospital treatment considerations, knowledge**  
12 **of regional rape crisis centers, and how to access the SANE-ready list, at least**  
13 **one (1) time every five (5) years. The three (3) hours of continuing education**  
14 **required under this subsection shall be included in the current number of**  
15 **required continuing education hours.**

16 ➔Section 4. KRS 314.073 is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) As a prerequisite for license renewal, all individuals licensed under provisions of  
18 this chapter shall be required to document continuing competency during the  
19 immediate past licensure period as prescribed in regulations promulgated by the  
20 board.

21 (2) The continuing competency requirement shall be documented and reported as set  
22 forth by the board in administrative regulations promulgated in accordance with  
23 KRS Chapter 13A.

24 (3) The board shall approve providers of continuing education. The approval may  
25 include recognition of providers approved by national organizations and state  
26 boards of nursing with comparable standards. Standards for these approvals shall be  
27 set by the board in administrative regulations promulgated in accordance with the

1 provisions of KRS Chapter 13A.

2 (4) The board shall work cooperatively with professional nursing organizations,  
3 approved nursing schools, and other potential sources of continuing education  
4 programs to ensure that adequate continuing education offerings are available  
5 statewide. The board may enter into contractual agreements to implement the  
6 provisions of this section.

7 (5) The board shall be responsible for notifying applicants for licensure and licensees  
8 applying for license renewal, of continuing competency requirements.

9 (6) As a part of the continuing education requirements that the board adopts to ensure  
10 continuing competency of present and future licensees, the board shall ensure  
11 practitioners licensed under KRS Chapter 314 complete a one-time training course  
12 of at least one and one-half (1.5) hours covering the recognition and prevention of  
13 pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in KRS 620.020. The one and one-half  
14 (1.5) hours required under this section shall be included in the current number of  
15 required continuing education hours.

16 (7) In order to offset administrative costs incurred in the implementation of the  
17 mandatory continuing competency requirements, the board may charge reasonable  
18 fees as established by regulation in accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter  
19 13A.

20 (8) The continuing competency requirements shall include at least five (5) contact  
21 hours in pharmacology continuing education for any person licensed as an advanced  
22 practice registered nurse.

23 **(9) As a part of the continuing education requirements which the board adopts to**  
24 **ensure continuing competency of present and future licensees, the board shall**  
25 **ensure practitioners licensed under KRS Chapter 314 complete a one-time**  
26 **training course of at least three (3) hours covering awareness of sexual violence,**  
27 **including the prevalence of sexual violence in Kentucky, legal requirements,**

1        *model protocols for emergency facilities, and community resources. The three (3)*  
2        *hours of continuing education required under this subsection shall be included in*  
3        *the current number of required continuing education hours.*