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By Representatives Mosbrucker, Wylie, Cody, Smith, and Dye

1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the availability of sexual assault  
2 nurse examiner education in rural and underserved areas; adding new  
3 sections to chapter 28B.30 RCW; creating a new section; and providing  
4 an expiration date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

7 (1) Most organizations recognize that the didactic training of  
8 health care professionals performing the medical forensic examination  
9 should consist of at least forty hours;

10 (2) Training of sexual assault nurse examiners should include  
11 hands-on clinical skills training and competency checks;

12 (3) Disparities persist between the training that is available to  
13 nurses in rural communities, including a lack of hands-on clinical  
14 skills training and a lack of forty-hour didactic classes;

15 (4) Best practice for the clinical education of nurses includes  
16 the use of simulation in an interdisciplinary context;

17 (5) Promotion of equal access to forty-hour didactic classes and  
18 supporting the development of clinical training mechanisms will help  
19 to ensure consistency and quality of care throughout the state; and

20 (6) Washington State University has the capacity to offer high-  
21 quality, simulation-based, inter-professional training for sexual

1 assault nurse examiners and increase access to education for nurses  
2 in rural communities.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.30  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The Washington State University college of nursing shall  
6 establish a program to increase the availability of qualified sexual  
7 assault nurse examiners in eastern Washington. The program must, at a  
8 minimum, include the following elements:

9 (a) Online training resources to provide nurses in rural and  
10 underserved communities access to at least forty hours of didactic  
11 training;

12 (b) A clinical training site at the Washington State University  
13 school of nursing at which nurses may complete the clinical training  
14 requirements established by the United States department of justice;  
15 and

16 (c) Scholarships for nurses to complete the online training, the  
17 clinical training, or both.

18 (2) The Washington State University college of nursing shall  
19 submit annual reports to the appropriate committees of the  
20 legislature on the use and impact of the online and clinical training  
21 established in this section.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.30  
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 (1) The Washington State University college of nursing shall  
25 establish a regional sexual assault nurse examiner leader pilot  
26 program. Regional lead sexual assault nurse examiners participating  
27 in the program shall:

28 (a) Establish the number of active sexual assault nurse examiners  
29 in their communities;

30 (b) Report on the educational needs of their communities;

31 (c) Produce recommendations on how to best increase the number of  
32 sexual assault nurse examiners in their communities; and

33 (d) Develop community-based action plans for sexual assault nurse  
34 examiner recruitment.

35 (2) The Washington State University college of nursing shall:

36 (a) Develop and train lead sexual assault nurse examiners; and

37 (b) Assist in the development of support mechanisms and role  
38 requirements for regional lead sexual assault nurse examiners.

1           (3) The Washington State University college of nursing shall  
2 submit to the appropriate committees of the legislature annual  
3 reports on the impact of the pilot program with a final report due no  
4 later than January 1, 2023.

5           (4) This section expires July 1, 2023.

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