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By Representatives McCabe, Walsh, Orwall, Cody, McBride, Caldier, Kilduff, Wylie, Senn, Smith, Gregerson, Tarleton, Ormsby, Pollet, and Goodman

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the availability of sexual assault
2 nurse examiners; and adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall study the availability of sexual assault
7 nurse examiners throughout the state. The study must include:

8 (a) An identification of areas of the state that have an adequate
9 number of sexual assault nurse examiners;

10 (b) An identification of areas of the state that have an
11 inadequate number of sexual assault nurse examiners;

12 (c) A list of available resources for facilities in need of
13 sexual assault nurse examiners or sexual assault nurse examiner
14 training; and

15 (d) Strategies for increasing the availability of sexual assault
16 nurse examiners in underserved areas.

17 (2) When identifying strategies for increasing the availability
18 of sexual assault nurse examiners in underserved areas, the
19 department shall, at a minimum, consider:

20 (a) Remote training or consultation via electronic means;

21 (b) Mobile teams of sexual assault nurse examiners; and

1 (c) Funding options.

2 (3) When performing the study under this section, the department
3 shall consult with experts on sexual assault victims' advocacy,
4 experts on sexual assault investigation, and providers including, but
5 not limited to:

6 (a) The office of crime victims advocacy;

7 (b) The Washington coalition of sexual assault programs;

8 (c) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;

9 (d) The Washington association of prosecuting attorneys;

10 (e) The Washington state hospital association;

11 (f) The nursing care quality assurance commission; and

12 (g) The Washington state nurses association.

13 (4) The department shall report its findings and recommendations
14 to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature no
15 later than December 1, 2016.

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