# HOUSE BILL 1942

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**By** Representatives Mosbrucker, Wylie, Cody, Smith, Dye, Van Werven, and Graham

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Assist in the development of support mechanisms and role
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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