

1           AN ACT relating to sexual assault nurse examiners.

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

3           ➔ SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 211 IS CREATED TO  
4    READ AS FOLLOWS:

5    (1) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall employ a health professional  
6    as a statewide sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) coordinator to support the  
7    logistical operations of the SANE Program and individual SANEs credentialed  
8    under Section 2 of this Act.

9    (2) The cabinet shall establish a description, essential duties, and responsibilities of  
10   the SANE coordinator position that shall include but not be limited to:  
11    (a) Identifying and recruiting potential SANEs across the state;  
12    (b) Organizing and facilitating comprehensive SANE training programs;  
13    (c) Establishing and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders such as  
14    hospitals, law enforcement agencies, rape crisis advocates, and others; and  
15    (d) Increasing SANE Program collaboration by creating opportunities for  
16    networking and building rapport among SANE training programs.

17    (3) The cabinet shall collaborate with the Kentucky Hospital Association, the  
18    Kentucky Board of Nursing, the Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory  
19    Committee, and any other entities deemed appropriate by the cabinet, to develop a  
20    statewide strategic plan that utilizes a regional model to ensure SANE coverage  
21    for all Kentucky hospitals. The strategic plan shall be submitted to the Legislative  
22    Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Health  
23    Services by December 1, 2026.

24    (4) The cabinet shall develop a state registry of SANEs and make it accessible from  
25    the cabinet's website by registered SANEs and Kentucky hospitals. The registry  
26    shall be operational by December 1, 2026.

27           ➔ Section 2. KRS 314.142 is amended to read as follows:

- 1        (1) The Kentucky Board of Nursing shall promulgate administrative regulations  
2           pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A to create a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program.  
3           These administrative regulations shall address, at a minimum:  
4                (a) Educational requirements for sexual assault nurse examiners and statewide  
5                        standards for provision of the education;  
6                (b) The application process through which registered nurses who submit  
7                        documentation of required education and clinical experience and who remit  
8                        the designated application fee may apply to the board to be credentialed as a  
9                        "Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner";  
10                (c) Continuing education requirements for maintenance of the sexual assault  
11                        nurse examiner credential;  
12                (d) Methods of monitoring overall program implementation; and  
13                (e) Procedures for obtaining input from the Sexual Assault Response Team  
14                        Advisory Committee established under KRS Chapter 403 prior to proposing  
15                        amendments to any provision of the administrative regulations promulgated  
16                        under this section or KRS 314.131.
- 17        (2) Any person in this state who holds a credential as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner  
18                as defined in KRS 314.011(14) shall have the right to use the title "Sexual Assault  
19                        Nurse Examiner" and the abbreviation "SANE". No other person shall assume the  
20                        title or use the abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate  
21                        that the person using the same is a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner.
- 22        (3) **The board shall notify each newly registered SANE that the state registry of**  
23                **SANEs is available on the cabinet's website as required in Section 1 of this Act.**