CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2711**

Chapter 50, Laws of 2016

64th Legislature

2016 Regular Session

SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINERS--AVAILABILITY STUDY

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/9/2016

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| Passed by the House March 8, 2016  Yeas 96 Nays 0  FRANK CHOPP  **Speaker of the House of Representatives**  Passed by the Senate March 4, 2016  Yeas 48 Nays 0  BRAD OWEN  **President of the Senate** | CERTIFICATE  I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2711** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.  BARBARA BAKER  **Chief Clerk** |
| Approved March 29, 2016 3:55 PM | March 30, 2016 |
| JAY INSLEE  **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State**  **State of Washington** |

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**State of Washington 64th Legislature 2016 Regular Session**

**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives McCabe, Walsh, Orwall, Cody, McBride, Caldier, Kilduff, Wylie, Senn, Smith, Gregerson, Tarleton, Ormsby, Pollet, and Goodman)

AN ACT Relating to increasing the availability of sexual assault nurse examiners; adding a new section to chapter 43.280 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 43.280 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the office of crime victims advocacy shall study the availability of sexual assault nurse examiners throughout the state. The study must include:

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

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

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

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

(2) When identifying strategies for increasing the availability of sexual assault nurse examiners in underserved areas, the office of crime victims advocacy shall, at a minimum, consider:

(a) Remote training or consultation via electronic means;

(b) Mobile teams of sexual assault nurse examiners;

(c) Costs and reimbursement rates for sexual assault nurse examiners; and

(d) Funding options.

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

(a) The department of health;

(b) The Washington coalition of sexual assault programs;

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

(d) The Washington association of prosecuting attorneys;

(e) The Washington state hospital association;

(f) The Harborview center for sexual assault and traumatic stress;

(g) The nursing care quality assurance commission; and

(h) The Washington state nurses association.

(4) The office of crime victims advocacy shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than December 1, 2016.

(5) This section expires July 31, 2017.

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