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**HOUSE BILL 1049**

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**State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Shavers, Leavitt, Berry, and Reed

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

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

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

(1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the department shall establish a stipend program to defray the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by registered nurses completing the training necessary to become adult/adolescent or pediatric sexual assault nurse examiners.

(2) The total amount of the stipend for any individual nurse may not exceed $2,500.

(3) For purposes of this section, "out-of-pocket expenses" include:

(a) Fees, tuition, educational materials, or other charges imposed by the entity providing training;

(b) Reasonable travel expenses, including air travel, rental car costs, mileage on a personal vehicle, lodging, and meals; and

(c) Any other expenses deemed appropriate by the department.

(4) The department may adopt any rules necessary to implement this section.

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