

# SENATE BILL No. 7

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-23-1.

**Synopsis:** Forensic nurses. Provides that the definition of "advanced practice registered nurse" includes a forensic nurse. Provides that a registered nurse who desires to practice as a forensic nurse shall present to the state board of nursing a certificate of completion of a biennial forensic nursing educational program.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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January 7, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. IC 25-23-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.129-2018,  
2           SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3           JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter:  
4           (a) "Board" means the Indiana state board of nursing.  
5           (b) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means:  
6               (1) a nurse practitioner;  
7               (2) a certified nurse midwife;  
8               (3) a clinical nurse specialist; ~~or~~  
9               (4) a certified registered nurse anesthetist; **or**  
10            **(5) a forensic nurse;**  
11           who is a registered nurse qualified to practice nursing in a specialty  
12           role based upon the additional knowledge and skill gained through a  
13           formal organized program of study and clinical experience, or the  
14           equivalent as determined by the board, which does not limit but  
15           extends or expands the function of the nurse which may be initiated by  
16           the client or provider in settings that shall include hospital outpatient  
17           clinics and health maintenance organizations. Notwithstanding any



1 other law, this subsection does not add to the powers and duties or  
 2 scope of practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists as described  
 3 in section 30 of this chapter.

4 (c) "Human response" means those signs, symptoms, behaviors, and  
 5 processes that denote the individual's interaction with the environment.

6 SECTION 2. IC 25-23-1-1.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 7 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 8 1, 2021]: **Sec. 1.6. As used in this chapter, "forensic nurse" means**  
 9 **a registered nurse who:**

10 **(1) is a graduate of a registered nursing educational program**  
 11 **accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in**  
 12 **Nursing, or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education**  
 13 **or its predecessor;**

14 **(2) successfully completes a forensic nursing or sexual assault**  
 15 **nurse examiner curriculum approved or administered by the**  
 16 **Indiana SANE Training Project; and**

17 **(3) is properly licensed and in compliance with criteria for**  
 18 **biennial recertification, as defined by the board.**

19 SECTION 3. IC 25-23-1-35 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 20 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 21 1, 2021]: **Sec. 35. A registered nurse who desires to practice as a**  
 22 **forensic nurse shall present to the board a certificate of completion**  
 23 **of a biennial forensic nursing educational program, as identified by**  
 24 **the state department of health's statewide SANE coordinator and**  
 25 **administered by the Indiana SANE Training Project or the**  
 26 **equivalent as approved by the board.**

