



**MEMO RE: S.95 SANE Board and Forensic Exam Tracking Bill**  
**TO: Rep. Ann Pugh, Members of House Human Services Committee**  
**DATE: April 21, 2017**  
**FROM: Auburn Watersong, Policy Director**

Thank you for the recent opportunity to speak to you about S.95 related to the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program. In order to address committee members' concerns as revealed in testimony, the Network would like to recommend the following changes to S.95:

**CLARIFY THE SANE CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

**13 V.S.A. § 5431. DEFINITION; CERTIFICATION**

- (a) As used in this subchapter, "SANE" means a sexual assault nurse examiner.
- (b) A person licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter 28 (nursing) may obtain a specialized certification from the SANE Program as a sexual assault nurse examiner if he or she demonstrates compliance with the requirements for specialized certification as established by the SANE Board.

**13 V.S.A. § 5433. SANE PROGRAM CLINICAL COORDINATOR**

.....The Clinical Coordinator shall consult with the SANE Board in performing the following duties:

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(5) ~~coordinating and managing a system for ensuring best practices, including as they apply to certification of sexual assault nurse examiners.~~

(6) granting certifications, pursuant to § 5431 of this Title, to candidates who demonstrate compliance with the requirements for specialized certification as established by the SANE Board

**REMOVE THE VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AS LEAD FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE**

**Sec. 3. SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE KITS; STUDY COMMITTEE**

(d) Assistance. The Committee shall ~~have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Vermont Department of Health.~~ be convened by, and housed at, the Center for Crime Victim Services.

(e) Report. The SANE program shall be responsible for writing a report of the committee's findings. On or before November 1, 2017, the Committee shall submit a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary, the House Committee on Health Care, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

(f) Meetings.

(1) ~~The Commissioner of Health~~ Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services shall call the first meeting of the Committee to occur on or before August 1, 2017.

We are happy to address any further concerns of the committee. Thank you for your consideration.