

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 872

Short Title: Increase Sexual Assault Nurse Exam'r Capacity. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator deViere (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget

May 27, 2022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER
2 (SANE) TRAINING AND FELLOWS PROGRAM AT FAYETTEVILLE STATE
3 UNIVERSITY TO BUILD READINESS AND A COMMUNITY SUPPORT MODEL OF
4 CARE.
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6 Whereas, sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE nurses) are critical to the victim
7 healing process and to law enforcement investigations. They are trained to approach victims with
8 compassion, take steps to avoid re-traumatization, and connect victims with the resources they
9 need to help process and recover from trauma and violence; and

10 Whereas, there is a shortage of SANE nurses across North Carolina. There is a need
11 to create a workforce pipeline for these individuals. The University of North Carolina, through
12 the Fayetteville State University (FSU) nursing program, will build capacity in the State through
13 an expanded training program and fellows program.

14 Whereas, a pilot program for SANE nurses at FSU will serve as the foundation needed
15 to fill vacancies of SANE nurses across the State and create a viable pathway for nurses through
16 the fellows program; Now, therefore,
17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

18 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors
19 of The University of North Carolina the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in nonrecurring
20 funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be allocated to Fayetteville State University to establish a
21 two-year pilot program to expand its Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training program
22 and establish a SANE fellows program. These funds shall not revert at the end of the 2022-2023
23 fiscal year but shall remain available until the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.

