A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to the minimum standards for the certifications of sexual

3 assault training programs and sexual assault nurse examiners and

4 for certification renewal by those entities.

5   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6   SECTION 1. Section 420.003(6), Government Code, is amended

7 to read as follows:

8   (6) "Sexual assault nurse examiner" means a registered

9 nurse who has completed a service-approved examiner training course

10 and who is certified according to minimum standards prescribed by

11 attorney general rule.

12   SECTION 2. Sections 420.011(b) and (c), Government Code,

13 are amended to read as follows:

14   (b) The attorney general shall adopt rules establishing

15 minimum standards for the certification of a sexual assault

16 training program and the renewal of that certification by the

17 program. The certification is valid for two years from the date of

18 issuance. The attorney general shall also adopt rules establishing

19 minimum standards for the suspension, decertification, or

20 probation of a training program that violates this chapter.

21   (c) The attorney general shall adopt rules establishing

22 minimum standards for the certification of a sexual assault nurse

23 examiner and the renewal of that certification by the nurse

24 examiner, including standards for examiner training courses and for

1 the interstate reciprocity of sexual assault nurse examiners. The

2 certification is valid for two years from the date of issuance. The

3 attorney general shall also adopt rules establishing minimum

4 standards for the suspension, decertification, or probation of a

5 sexual assault nurse examiner who violates this chapter.

6   SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2011, the attorney

7 general shall adopt the rules required by Sections 420.011(b) and

8 (c), Government Code, as amended by this Act.

9   SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.