



## 2022 Legislative Priorities

### **REMOVAL of the CAPA-CS**

Rep. Russell Webber

To ensure nurse practitioners can practice to the full extent of their education and training and to increase access to underserved populations throughout Kentucky. Nurse practitioners fill a large gap in access to care. This will not only improve access, but health outcomes for Kentuckians. **This priority is also a focus to address the nursing shortage.** *Last year, SB 78 had dozens of bipartisan cosponsors. This year's bill is expected to include similar language and bipartisan support.*

### **COVID Mitigation Initiatives**

Nurses have cared for Kentuckians throughout the pandemic, so it is essential that we advocate for COVID mitigation efforts to alleviate hurdles in appropriately managing COVID. KNA supports COVID mitigation efforts including but not limited to:

- Masking;
- Vaccination and
- Workforce support.

### **Address The Nursing Shortage - \$100 Million Plan**

1. Faculty retention, recruitment and reward for NCLEX pass rates and graduation rates. Governor's Nursing Council to make recommendations to attract and retain students and faculty.
2. Loan forgiveness for nursing faculty, students and graduate nurses who work in underserved areas 2021-2026.
  - CHFS application for the loan forgiveness grant through HRSA - 1 million a year in addition to this request.
3. Nurse ***emeritus program*** to use retired nurses for support, augment staffing needs and retain novice nurses.
4. Retention bonuses (incremental) for local nurses only that would include all that have stayed local and worked to support their community.
  - Recruitment bonuses and gratitude/appreciation campaign for nursing

### **Nurse in Every KY School All Day, Every Day**

This initiative ensures access to health providers for public school children throughout Kentucky. Studies suggest that schools with a school nurse have higher graduation rates and better overall health outcomes.

**Legislation:** There will not be a separate bill; however, there are budgetary requests for funding in relation to the ongoing support and implementation of putting a school nurse in every school Check out this video: [JCPS Nurses Receive COVID-19 Vaccinations - YouTube](#)

### **SANE Nurse Initiative**

Rep. Cherlynn Stevenson

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) are specifically trained to care for victims of sexual assault. Care by a SANE nurse results in better patient outcomes and higher conviction rates. SANE nurses have become the gold standard in care for victims of sexual assault; however, Kentucky has a huge deficit which results in care delayed or denied.

*We must ensure that victims have access to this specialized care to improve outcomes, decrease costs, and improve the safety of our communities. The request is for increased funding for SANE training and for the exams they perform.*