

TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF CONSISTANT MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCING FOR CHILD SEX OFFENDERS

SUBMITTED BY: Salisbury University Student Nurses Association

- WHEREAS, “the chance that your child will become a victim of a sex offender is 1 in 3 for girls and 1 in 6 for boys”; and
- WHEREAS, “there are about 400,000 registered sex offenders in the United States and an estimated 80,000 to 100,000 of them are missing”; and
- WHEREAS, “the average sentence imposed on the 9,700 sex offenders was 8 years, and on average, [only] 3 ½ years of those 8 years were actually served prior to release”; and
- WHEREAS, “the majority of registered offenders are child sex offenders, who have been convicted of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd degree sex offenses against minors”; and
- WHEREAS, “sex offenders are four times more likely than other offenders to be rearrested for another sex crime, and child molesters have the highest rearrest rates among different types of sex offenders”; and
- WHEREAS, there have been several laws, including Megan’s Law and Jessica’s Law, that require states to register and track sex offenders; and
- WHEREAS, the Children’s Safety Act of 2005 requires sex offenders failing to register to spend as many as 20 years in jail [and] “ensures mandatory minimum sentences for violent crimes against children, ranging from death or life imprisonment when a child is killed and 30 years in prison for crimes involving kidnapping, maiming or aggravated sexual abuse”; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the National Student Nurses’ Association (NSNA) encourage its constituents to evaluate and support current and pending legislation regarding sex offender registration, tracking, and mandatory minimum sentences; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the NSNA encourage nursing programs to educate nursing students about signs of sexual abuse and mandatory reporting of abuse; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the NSNA encourage its constituents to increase awareness and education regarding the dangerous effects of sexual abuse on children and adults; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the NSNA send a copy of this resolution to the American Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the American Medical Association, the National Institutes of Health, the United States Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the American Psychiatric Association, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners, and all others deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.