AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN GRAND COMMITTEE
[Supplementary to the Third Marshalled List]

Clause 20

LORD WARNER
BARONESS WALMSLEY

Leave out Clause 20 and insert the following new Clause—

“Regulation of social workers: General Social Work Council

(1) Her Majesty must by Order in Council set up a body to be known as the General Social Work Council, for the purpose of regulating social workers in England.

(2) The General Social Work Council is to have responsibility for the following matters—

(a) keeping a register of social workers and of people who are undertaking education or training to become social workers;
(b) restrictions on practising social work and using titles related to social work;
(c) professional standards in relation to social work;
(d) education and training for social workers and those training to be social workers;
(e) discipline of social workers and fitness of social workers to practise;
(f) appointing advisers on the regulation of social workers;
(g) the publication and sharing of information relating to the regulation of social workers;
(h) cooperation with other bodies in respect of the regulation of social workers;
(i) the charging of fees in connection with the regulation of social workers;
(j) advising the Secretary of State on the creation of offences related to the regulation of social workers; and
(k) consultation about the regulation of social workers.”
After Clause 20

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER
LORD RAMSBOTHAM
BARONESS WALMSLEY

Insert the following new Clause—

“Social Work Improvement Agency

(1) There shall be a body corporate to be known as the Social Work Improvement Agency (referred to in this Act as “the Agency”), which shall have the functions conferred on it by or under this Act or any other enactment.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Agency to promote in relation to England—
   (a) high professional standards for social workers;
   (b) high ethical standards for social workers;
   (c) high standards in the training of social workers; and
   (d) continuing professional training and development for social workers.

(3) The Agency shall, in the exercise of its functions, act—
   (a) in accordance with any directions given to it by the appropriate Minister; and
   (b) under the general guidance of the appropriate Minister.

(4) Regulations made by statutory instrument may provide for the appointment and financing of the Board of the Agency and for the appointment of staff to the Agency.

(5) Regulations made under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.”
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