Clause 20

Amendment No. 135B

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;
Clause 20 - continued

(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.”

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 20 stand part of the Bill.

After Clause 20

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER
LORD RAMSBOTHAM
BARONESS WALMSLEY

135C

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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[Withdrawn]

Clause 21

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 21 stand part of the Bill.
Clause 22

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 22 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 23

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 23 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 24

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 24 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 25

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 25 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 26

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 26 stand part of the Bill.
After Clause 26

LORD WILLS
LORD LOW OF DALSTON
LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE

137 Insert the following new Clause—

“Whistleblowing arrangement in relation to social workers

The Secretary of State shall issue a code of practice on whistleblowing arrangements which can be taken into account by courts and tribunals when the issue of whistleblowing arises in public bodies employing registered social workers, and people who are registered as undertaking education or training in England to become social workers, in order to raise concerns about the work of a public body employing registered social workers.”

138 Insert the following new Clause—

“Public interest disclosure by social workers

(1) The Secretary of State may make regulations prohibiting a public body employing registered social workers from discriminating against an applicant who is a registered social worker because it appears to that body that the applicant has made a protected disclosure under the Employment Rights Act 1996, in their previous employment.

(2) An “applicant”, in relation to such a body, means an individual who applies to that employer for—

(a) a contract of employment,
(b) a contract to do work personally, or
(c) appointment to an office or post.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), a public body employing registered social workers discriminates against an applicant if the employer refuses the applicant's application or in some other way treats the applicant less favourably than it treats or would treat other applicants in relation to the same contract, office or post.

(4) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

Clause 27

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 27 stand part of the Bill.
Clause 28

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 28 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 29

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 29 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 30

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 30 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 31

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 31 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 32

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 32 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 33

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 33 stand part of the Bill.
Clause 34

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 34 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 35

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 35 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 36

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 36 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 37

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 37 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 38

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 38 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 39

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 39 stand part of the Bill.
Clause 40

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH
LORD WARNER

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 40 stand part of the Bill.
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LIST OF AMENDMENTS
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11 July 2016