

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1658

To amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to promote a high-quality workforce in the child welfare system.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2021

Ms. SHERRILL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROMOTING A HIGH-QUALITY WORKFORCE IN**  
4 **THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM.**

5 Section 105(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and  
6 Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106(a)) is amended by strik-  
7 ing paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

8 “(4) PROMOTING A HIGH-QUALITY WORK-  
9 FORCE.—The Secretary may award grants under  
10 this subsection to entities to carry out programs or

1 strategies that promote a high-quality workforce in  
2 the child welfare system through—

3 “(A) improvements to recruitment, sup-  
4 port, or retention efforts; or

5 “(B) education for professionals and para-  
6 professionals in the prevention, identification,  
7 and treatment of child abuse and neglect.”.

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