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H. R. 3461

To amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to administer qualifying examinations to all State employees with new authority to make decisions regarding child welfare services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 8, 1993

Mrs. MALONEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT THAT STATES ADMINISTER**
2 **QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS TO ALL STATE**
3 **EMPLOYEES WITH NEW AUTHORITY TO MAKE**
4 **DECISIONS REGARDING CHILD WELFARE**
5 **SERVICES.**

6 Section 474 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 674) is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(f) The Secretary may not make a payment to a
9 State under subsection (a) for any calendar quarter begin-
10 ning after the 18-month period that begins with the date
11 of the enactment of this subsection, unless the State has
12 in effect procedures to ensure that, before the State pro-
13 vides to a prospective child welfare decisionmaker the au-
14 thority to make decisions regarding child welfare services,
15 the individual must take and pass an examination, admin-
16 istered by the State, that tests knowledge of such subjects
17 as child development, family dynamics, dysfunctional be-
18 havior, substance abuse, child abuse, and community ad-
19 vocacy. As used in the preceding sentence, the term ‘pro-
20 spective child welfare decisionmaker’ means an individual
21 who, on the date of the enactment of this subsection, does
22 not have any authority to make a decision regarding child
23 welfare services.”.

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