

## HR 1750

### Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Jan 25, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 656	Identical bill	Mar 10, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act of 2021**

This bill generally prohibits the federal government, states, tribal nations, or localities from discriminating or taking adverse action against a child welfare provider that declines to provide services due to the provider's sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions. However, government entities may still take adverse action against a provider that declines to provide adoption or foster care services based on race, color, or national origin.

The Department of Health and Human Services must withhold a portion of federal funding for family services and child welfare activities from a government entity that discriminates against a child welfare provider in violation of this bill. Child welfare providers may also sue the government entity for such discrimination. A prevailing provider may recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

Furthermore, government entities that accept certain federal funding for family services and child welfare activities must waive sovereign immunity as a defense to lawsuits brought under this bill. (In many cases, sovereign immunity shields states, territories, tribal nations, and some localities against private suits.)

### **Actions Timeline**

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