

1 A RESOLUTION urging the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services to
2 apply for grants for social worker and health professional safety.

3 WHEREAS, every day social workers and other human services professionals
4 across this country provide a wide range of services in increasingly complex
5 environments including child welfare agencies, schools, mental health centers and
6 hospitals, and safety can be a concern in many of these settings; and

7 WHEREAS, social workers and other human services professionals often must
8 engage in risky situations without proper safety training, a partner, or limited safety
9 equipment; and

10 WHEREAS, too many social workers and other human services professionals have
11 been the targets of verbal and physical assaults and some have even tragically lost their
12 lives while performing their job responsibilities; and

13 WHEREAS, H.R. 5138 currently known as the Protecting Social Workers and
14 Health Professionals from Workplace Violence Act of 2019 has been introduced before
15 the 116th Congress of the United States and purports to authorize the Secretary of Health
16 and Human Services to award grants to States to provide safety measures to social
17 workers, health workers, and human services professionals performing services placing
18 such individuals in high-risk and potentially dangerous situations, and for other purposes
19 upon its passage;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
22 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

23 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives urges the Secretary of the Kentucky
24 Cabinet for Health and Family Services to apply for grants appropriated by H.R. 5138
25 Protecting Social Workers and Health Professionals from Workplace Violence Act of
26 2019 upon its passage into law by the 116th Congress of the United States.

27 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a

- 1 copy of this Resolution and notification of its adoption to the Secretary of the Cabinet for
- 2 Health and Family Services and to Representative Susan Westrom.