



# NASW Priority LEGISLATION FOR THE PROFESSION

## **Employer Participation in Repayment Act (S. 460/H.R. 1043). NASW issued an action alert.**

- » This legislation would allow employers to contribute up to \$5,250 tax-free annually to their employees' student loans — providing employees with much-needed relief and employers with a unique tool to attract and retain talented employees—including social workers. Neither employees nor employers would be taxed on this money.

## **Improving Access to Mental Health Act (S. 782/H.R. 1533). NASW issued an action alert.**

- » This legislation would increase the reimbursement rate for clinical social workers (CSW) in Medicare from 75% to 85% of the physician fee schedule, improve Medicare beneficiaries access to CSW services when placed in skilled nursing facilities and allow CSWs to bill for HBAI services.
- » You can find a [General Issue Brief](#), [HBAI Issue Brief](#) and [FAQ document](#) on our [website](#).

## **Protecting Social Workers and Health Professionals from Workplace Violence Act (S. 2880/H.R. 5138). NASW issued an action alert.**

- » This legislation would create a federal grant program within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to enable employers to purchase and deploy safety equipment (such as security cameras and GPS locators), make facility improvements, implement safety training programs, and provide support services for professionals who have been victims of violence.
- » You can find an [Issue Brief](#) on this legislation on our [website](#).

## **Dorothy I. Height and Whitney M. Young, Jr. Social Work Reinvestment Act (H.R. 1532). NASW issued an action alert.**

- » This legislation would create a Social Work Reinvestment Commission to provide a comprehensive analysis of issues facing the social work profession, including workforce trends, high educational debt, low salaries, cultural diversity, and the connection between research and practice. It will also fund demonstration grants to address relevant, “on the ground” realities experienced by our nation’s professional social workers.
- » You can find an [Issue Brief](#) on this legislation on our [website](#).

## **Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act (S.851/H.R. 1309). NASW issued an action alert.**

- » This legislation would require hospitals, residential treatment facilities, substance use disorder treatment centers, clinics at correctional or detention facilities, and other service facilities to develop and implement comprehensive violence prevention plans and provide whistle-blower protections for workers.

**For more information on the legislation NASW supports,  
visit our website at [socialworkers.org/advocacy](https://socialworkers.org/advocacy).**

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