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Advocacy Action

PA Legislature Turns Its Attention to Police Reform

The General Assembly turned its attention to police reform bills this week. As we did with the COVID-19 legislation, we are keeping [a chart of police reform bills](#) for members to access on our website. Many of the bills on the chart were introduced early in the session and are now being revisited. Legislators are also putting out new co-sponsorship memos and filing new bills. On Monday, June 15, the House Judiciary Committee met to consider two bills which were amended and voted out of Committee unanimously. Please see House Bills 1841 and 1910 on the chart. Among other things, these bills deal with police training, regular mental health evaluations for police, updated hiring practices for police and the development of a database to hold information on police officers with prior criminal and disciplinary actions against them. We will have more on the police reform measures being considered in the Legislative Locator at the end of the month.



Check out the section on our website dedicated to member [Community Response During Coronavirus.](#)

League's Latest

[Tune in to Rick's latest Executive Director video report.](#)

[Register Now for the League 2020 Virtual Sustainability Conference - June 24](#)

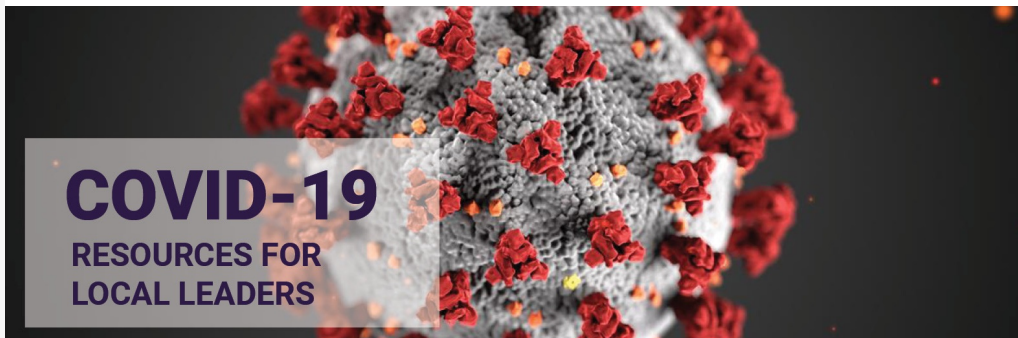
PELRAS Virtual Conference! [Click here for registration and session descriptions.](#)

U•COMP will assist your municipality with your unemployment claim submissions, both COVID and non-COVID based, as well as provide you with the latest legislative information impacting unemployment compensation claim processing. U•COMP is providing a Labor and Industry email address of uchelp@pa.gov for anyone with questions about their unemployment claim. The program will also provide you with a representative in your corner to advocate for you at unemployment hearings and to interface with the PA Department of Labor and Industry. For more information contact Debbie Gross, U•COMP Member Service Representative, at dgross@pml.org or at [1-800-922-8063](tel:1-800-922-8063), ext *254.

Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts – As we all transition into a new norm, changes will be necessary. To navigate the emerging path successfully, and lessen the stress for employees, clear communication is imperative. To learn how to improve your messaging, check out [A leader's guide: Communicating with teams, stakeholders, and communities during COVID-19](#). Invariably, with some employees working onsite and others working remotely, much of these communications will be done by email. Consider the following [Email Best Practices for Government](#). Remember to give your employees and residents the information they need. Equally important, provide it to them when they need it.

For more information, see our [News & Announcements and newsfeed](#) on our homepage as well as our League COVID-19 Weekly Update email blasts every Friday.

Be sure to check out our [COVID-19 Resources for Local Leaders](#) webpage.



Resource Roundup

[Washington Examiner Op-Ed: The conservative case for aid to US cities, by Altoona Mayor Matt Pacifico](#)

[Responding to Racial Tension in Your City: A Municipal Action Guide](#) – NLC interviewed several current and former municipal leaders who have been through similar moments of crisis with racial tension. This document provides important contextual and tactical information to support a municipality's efforts to respond effectively.

[NLC's Race & Equity Resources](#) – Other Leadership & Management subtopics include: [Ethics](#), [Labor Relations](#), [Partnerships](#), [Regulation](#) and [Social Justice](#).

[The Right-to-Know Law and the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) – The [Office of Open Records](#) has issued an Advisory regarding [Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law](#) and the COVID-19 emergency.

[Comcast Response to COVID-19](#) – information and resources from League Business Leaders Network member Comcast.

[Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr's COVID-19 Weekly Digest](#) – League Business Leaders Network member Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr give their analysis of the most current legal developments related to this pandemic.

[Reminder: WalkWorks! Funding Opportunity](#) – There is still time to apply for funding to assist with active transportation planning! As more people are walking and biking and curb pick-ups and deliveries are increasing...and this could very well be the way of our future, active transportation plans and policies are increasingly critical.

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