



Pennsylvania Municipal League
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MEMO

TO: Members of the House Children and Youth Committee

FROM: Amy Sturges, Deputy Executive Director – Advocacy, PML and PSATC

RE: Support of House Bill 1155 (PN 1219)

DATE: April 25, 2022

On behalf of the membership of the Pennsylvania Municipal League (PML) and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners (PSATC), I am writing to express our support of House Bill 1155 (PN 1219) scheduled for Committee consideration Monday, April 25. House Bill 1155 would amend the Human Services Code clarifying that the term “child care center” does not include municipal recreation programs.

Many municipalities offer youth recreational programming for their residents on a seasonal basis, usually over the summer months. These programs are a vital and popular service ensuring children remain active and providing a safe environment while parents are at work. Additionally, municipal recreation programs are cost-conscious providing an affordable option for parents. If these programs are required to adhere to the licensing standards of a child care center, compliance costs will drastically increase forcing costs to be passed on to families or forcing programs to be eliminated altogether.

This bill will ensure municipal recreation programs can continue to provide this important service while operating under the currently existing oversight and safety standards required of them.

We respectfully request an affirmative vote for House Bill 1155 so the bill can move to the full House.

Thank you for your consideration.