MEMO

TO: Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee

FROM: Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, PML and PSATC

RE: Support for House Bill 2503 (PN 3925)

DATE: September 17, 2020

I am writing on behalf of the members of the PA Municipal League and the PA State Association of Township Commissioners to offer support for House Bill 2503.

Many entities offering programming for youth, including municipalities, have been very concerned about the impact of Act 47 of 2019 on their ability to appropriately plan and staff their programs.

As you know, the Act eliminated the window in which employers could hire personnel on a provisional basis while clearances and certifications were finalized. House Bill 2503 is needed to again provide that window so that staffing levels are appropriate from the outset and work that needs to be completed in advance of a program’s start date can be accomplished.

Act 18 of 2020 provides interim relief, but HB 2503 is needed to correct the law beyond the current emergency declaration.

We support HB 2503 moving out of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.