

# League Link

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## Advocacy Action

### **Governor Signs Interim Fix for Provisional Hiring Needs and Local Advertising Bills to be Introduced**

[Act 18](#) (HB 360), signed by the Governor on May 8, is an interim measure related to childcare background check delays caused by COVID-19. Act 18 suspends portions of Act 47 of 2019, which amended the Child Protective Services Law reducing the availability of provisional hiring waivers to only licensed child day cares, group day care homes or family childcare homes. Act 18 extends the waivers to all employers and allows provisional hiring through December 31, 2020 or until 60 days after the expiration of the Governor's disaster emergency declaration, whichever would come first. Therefore, municipalities are able to hire seasonal employees prior to completion of all background checks if the individual meets specific conditions stated in the act. This act also addresses provisions for individuals seeking recertification of their background checks. Finally, legislation is being introduced to address the provisional hiring limitations beyond December 31 and the current emergency declaration.

Additionally, Representative Jason Ortity and Senator John DiSanto circulated [cosponsor](#)

[memos](#) expressing intent to introduce legislation allowing local governments greater advertising flexibility to reach constituents in a more efficient and effective manner, including advertising on municipal websites. This is an important measure that will help local governments save money and reach a larger constituency. Please contact your Representative and Senator to ask for their support of this issue and to sign onto their respective cosponsor memo.

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



## League's Latest

**Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to respond to our Strategic Assessment Questionnaire.** It's been three years since we've conducted this type of assessment, so we're hopeful, if you haven't done so already, you will find a few minutes to participate. **Simply click on the button below to provide your input by May 29.**

[League Member Questionnaire](#)

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

[Pennsylvania local government associations' letter to Gov. Tom Wolf](#) calling on him to share federal COVID dollars with Pennsylvania local governments.

The League hosted a **webinar along with DCED and other state agencies to provide information to members on COVID-19 Disaster Response and Recovery.** [Click here for the archived webinar.](#)

[Save the Date! The League 2020 Virtual Sustainability Conference - June 24, 2020](#)

**Research and Inquiry Service** — Searching for resources in a particular subject matter? Are you looking for a sample policy or best practice? We may be able to help you with our Research and Inquiry Service. Contact Harry Krot, Director of Marketing and Member Services at [hkrot@pml.org](mailto:hkrot@pml.org) for more information about this member service.

**Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts** – June is National Safety Month with the goal of reducing the leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road and in our homes and communities. Join the National Safety Council (NSC) and thousands of other proactive organizations nationwide in celebrating this event by [registering](#) to receive free materials delivered to your inbox weekly throughout June on the following topics: Mental Health, Ergonomics, Building a Safety Culture, Driving and others. This year's free resources will include a poster, tip sheets, articles, social media graphics and more! NSC pledges, *"Given the current state of the world, the month will look a little different than past years. Instead of focusing on a single topic each week, we will provide real-time, relevant resources on a variety of topics for keeping workers safe in our new normal."*

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.



## COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR LOCAL LEADERS

## Resource Roundup

[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.

[HomeServe USA and NLC Webinar \(May 27 @ 2 p.m. EST\)](#) – The Essential Home: Solutions for Local Governments as Residents Rely More on Their Homes.

[The "Main Street Lending Program" for Small and Mid-Size Businesses](#) – Provided by League Business Leader Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, LLC.

**HomeServe USA** – has launched a [free service called TELEFIX](#), a phone/video-based service providing homeowners access to a qualified technician across various trades, who can help troubleshoot, diagnose and virtually assist them.

[Free resources available from GTY's business units/League Business Leaders Network members](#) – To help mitigate disruptions to much-needed public services, the GTY family of companies and League Business Leaders Network members, has announced its plans to help bring public sector operations online quickly and without financial impact in the midst of this global health crisis.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)) is announcing the selection of 155 grants for [communities and tribes](#) totaling over \$65.6 million in EPA brownfields funding through the agency's Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup Grant Programs.

[Looking for grants to fund public safety? GrantFinder](#) is a real-time, online searchable database of eligible grants for which local governments may apply. This searchable database tracks federal, state, foundation and corporate grants available to municipalities and local non-profits. Through our partnership, League members receive a single license per member for access to the database.

Remember, you can access all archived editions of The League Link as well as other member publications, forms and resources in your [Member Dashboard](#).

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