

## TJPD Legislative Program

### Highlights of proposed changes (for 2020)

#### TOP PRIORITIES:

STATE BUDGET—updated first paragraph with timely topics to be addressed in budget

PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING—updated numbers and added a statement about restoring previous cuts

BROADBAND—updated funding amounts; added language supporting local broadband authorities;  
added language supporting use of railroad crossing easements

#### OTHER PRIORITY ITEMS:

LOCAL REVENUE AUTHORITY—deleted position on local sales taxes related to the Wayfair decision, which was accomplished; added position opposing changes to the existing tax assessment appeals process

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT—updated funding numbers and status of studies

LAND USE/GROWTH MANAGEMENT—revised language on proffers in light of 2019 legislation; added position supporting local tree preservation

#### LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS:

--ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Added NEW STATEMENTS to the position on solar to support 1) local authority on small solar facilities; 2) easing of the property tax exemption for utility scale solar; and 3) changes in net metering. Also, added a NEW STATEMENT to the position on recycling to support improvements to recycling markets and provision of accurate reporting of recycling data.

--GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Added NEW STATEMENTS to the position on Elections to 1) support state funding for new early voting requirements; and 2) address GIS use in determining county boundaries.

--HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES: Updated language related to reduced CSB funding that is expected to be recovered from Medicaid expansion

--PUBLIC SAFETY: Added NEW STATEMENTS to the position on Funding to 1) request full state funding for currently authorized positions for Commonwealth's Attorney offices; 2) support fair transitioning to NG911; and 3) support state funding for alternative options for transporting mental health patients. Also, added a NEW POSITION on Volunteers to endorse having additional tools to support emergency services volunteers. Deleted a position on court issuance of restricted driver's licenses, which has been accomplished.

--TRANSPORTATION: Deleted the position on Transit Capital Funding, as bond usage has been extended for several years.