



To: House Local Government Committee
From: Pennsylvania School Boards Association
Re: 12/15/21 vote on House Bill 2148

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the more than 5,000 school directors and administrators governing the state's school districts, intermediate units, and career and technology centers, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) requests your support for House Bill 2148 (Miller) which provides that local governments, including school districts, which have properly submitted an advertisement to a newspaper and also published the advertisement on the local government's public website will be deemed as having met the advertising requirements in current law if the newspaper fails to timely publish the advertisement. While such circumstances are not the norm, the scenario contemplated by this legislation has occurred before, and failure by a newspaper to publish an advertisement could result in unnecessary and costly delays in government operations (time-sensitive facility or employment decisions for example) that waste taxpayer resources. PSBA also requests your support for amendment A03204 to be offered in Committee which better clarifies that the bill fully applies to school districts, and which also includes a clear definition of the term "redundant advertisement".

We would like to thank Representative Miller for his leadership and for working with PSBA on this issue.

Thank you for your consideration.