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**The Moraine Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America**

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June 17, 2015

To: Unit Leaders

**Re: PA Bill 1276 (criminal background check revisions)**

Dear leader,

I appreciate your patience as the Commonwealth of PA continues to modify the requirements for the criminal background checks as required in PA Act 153. As you know the state has passed a law requiring criminal background checks for volunteers and employees working with children. We have some good news to share.

The governor recently announced that the some of the fees for the background checks, the Pennsylvania fees will be waived for volunteers. The federal fingerprinting fee clearance is still the same. This came about from volunteer feedback to the state legislature.

In addition, proposed bill 1276 has some additional revisions of the law. This bill has not been passed yet, but we will notify you as soon as we receive notification.

**The governor's modifications to the law take effect July 25, 2015. In light of these unforeseen circumstances, and while waiting on bill 1276 outcome, the Moraine Trails Council, BSA has postponed collection of unit volunteer criminal background check paperwork until December 1, 2015 for currently registered volunteers. New volunteers will have to comply with the law as of July 1, 2015.**

We will update the council website with the appropriate information to help you comply with the law as it evolves. Again, I thank you for your patience as we all try and understand the law as it is and as the legislature modifies it.

Sincerely,

Ray Tennent  
Scout Executive/CEO