TO: City Executives and Councils; School Corporations

FROM: Courtney L. Schaafsma, Commissioner

RE: Legislative Changes Affecting City Park and Recreation Boards

DATE: March 30, 2016

On March 24, 2016, Governor Pence signed into law House Enrolled Act 1294 (“HEA 1294-2016”), which amends IC 36-10-3-4 so that a city ordinance creating a department of parks and recreation may provide for one or two ex officio members, those being:

(1) either:
   (A) a member of the governing body of the school corporation selected by the governing body of the school corporation; or
   (B) an individual who resides in the school corporation, selected by the governing body of the school corporation;

(2) a member of the governing body of the library district selected by that body; or

(3) both subdivisions (1) and (2).

The law did not previously allow a resident of the school corporation to serve as an ex officio member of the city park and recreation board.

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