

**ITEM B.115
FOR ACTION**

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Subject: Comment to the 222nd General Assembly (2016) – Overture 063 (Business Item 05-06) “On Developing a National Child Protection Policy Model” – From the Presbytery Susquehanna Valley

Recommendation:

That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on Overture 063 (Business Item 05-06) “On Developing a National Child Protection Policy Model” – From the Presbytery Susquehanna Valley

Comment:

The Presbyterian Mission Agency has been working with the Office of the General Assembly to respond to requests for the development of model policies for Child Protection.

There is not a “one size fits all” policy model or training process as the laws regarding child protection vary from state to state. The Department of Health and Human Services has resources available on their site that can be used to develop policy and provide training and technical assistance.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov>.

Additionally, the Office of the General Assembly, has developed a partnership with the Insurance Board and Praesidium, an abuse prevention organization <http://www.praesidiuminc.com> to develop resources, training materials and guidance that will equip presbyteries and congregations to develop policies, training and other materials appropriate to their jurisdiction. A brochure outlining these resources is being developed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Link to Overture: <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6348>