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Amending Title 15 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parks and Recreation," by requiring the Recreation Department to staff every Class A Recreation Center with at least one Recreation Leader trained to provide programs for disabled children, specifically those with special needs.

WHEREAS, There are many children in the City of Philadelphia who cannot use a Recreation Center because there are no programs that cater to their specific needs; and

WHEREAS, If there was a Recreation Leader trained to provide a level of services to this disabled/handicapped population they would make better use of the available Recreation Centers; and

WHEREAS, A Class A Recreation Center services a level of population that may include children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, A Class A Recreation Center should be staffed at a level to allow at least one person to be trained to provide services and training for special needs children; and

WHEREAS, It is important to provide the services to the special needs community that only can be provided by a trained Recreation Leader; now, therefore,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 15 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 15. PARKS AND RECREATION.

CHAPTER 15-600, RECREATION CENTERS.

§15-601. Programs for Disabled Children.

(1) The Recreation Department shall staff every Class A Recreation Center with at least one Recreation Leader trained to provide programs for disabled children, specifically those with special needs.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.