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## Assembly Bill 1964

### Organized Day Camps

#### **Background**

Day camps typically operate during the summer and other vacation periods when school is not normally in session and provide group-based recreation and expanded learning opportunities for children under 18 years of age. Since there is no reference to day camps in current law or regulation, there has been confusion related to which governmental agency has jurisdiction over their operation, if any at all.

#### **Current Law**

Current law and regulations covering health and safety requirements for camps are limited to resident camps (with overnight stays). This measure will add day camps, and apply applicable standards for their operation.

#### **This Bill**

This bill will define “day camps” in statute by adding them to the organized camp section of the Health and Safety code (Section 18897) which currently provides requirements for operating resident camps. AB 1964 will provide a definition of day camps, specify requirements for registering and operating a day camp, clarify policies related to field trips and staffing, and require approval of operational plans unless a camp is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA).

Additionally, the bill will make sure that carbon monoxide detectors are installed in all camp buildings intended for human occupancy that have a fossil fuel burning heater, appliance, fireplace, or an attached garage.

AB 1964 will also add bows and arrows to the list of equipment that must be stored in a locked cabinet when they are not in use for authorized camp activities.

This clarification will assure the public that day camps operate under the oversight of local health officials, and that they are not childcare programs.

#### **Sponsor**

California Collaboration for Youth (Sponsor)

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