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Statement from Senator Metzger on Allowing Summer Camps to Hire Mental Health Professionals

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As summer day camps continue to weigh reopening, we have to recognize that some children need additional support, especially after what has been a difficult and trying time for so many. My bill ([S3834](#)) permitting children's summer camps to hire licensed social workers,

physical therapists, mental health care professionals, occupational therapists, and other licensed professionals would ensure that children with physical and mental health needs can access the care they need to thrive and enjoy camp to the fullest. This legislation would also provide peace of mind to parents, knowing that their children are in the capable hands of licensed practitioners at summer camps, and I urge the Assembly to pass this important piece of legislation so we can see it signed into law.”

Jen Metzger represents the 42nd Senate District, which includes all of Sullivan County and parts of Delaware, Orange, and Ulster Counties. Senator Metzger serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee and sits on the Environmental Conservation, Education, Health, Energy and Telecommunications, Local Government, Women’s Issues, Domestic Animal Welfare, and Legislative Commission on Rural Resources Committees.

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RELATED LEGISLATION

2019-S3834

- Introduced

- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Authorizes summer camps to hire certain licensed professionals to provide services

February 19, 2019

In Assembly Committee

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