

## Cuomo Signs Rivera's Ban on Smoking in Front of Schools

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo has signed into law a bill sponsored by freshman Democratic Senator Gustavo Rivera that bans smoking within 100 feet of the entrances, exits or outdoor areas of public and private schools. It is a fairly rare accomplishment for a freshman senator in the minority caucus to get a bill signed. This is the second bill of Rivera's that Cuomo has signed. The first dealt with bail bonds.

"I want to thank Governor Cuomo for signing this important piece of legislation into law that will make our communities healthier by extending the ban on smoking to within 100 feet of school entrances and exits," rivera said in a statement. "I worked with Assembly Member Dinowitz to pass this law so that young people in the Bronx and throughout the state can enjoy a smoke-free school year. This is the first in a series of bills to be signed into law that came directly from the Bronx CAN Health Initiative that Borough President Diaz Jr. and I launched last year with community partners." We [documented](#) Rivera's health initiatives earlier this year.

Cuomo also signed a bill today that bans the sale of electronic cigarettes to anyone under the age of 18.

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