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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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#### Spotlight on Advocacy Priorities

- *Curbing the use of Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products*

**A03652:** On January 28, 2021 this partisan bill was referred to the Assembly Education Committee. It is sponsored by Assembly member Judy Griffin [D]. As written, the bill would require that the commissioner of education and the commissioner of public health **develop standardized vaping and e-cigarette school guidelines** to assist school districts when they are developing their own policies.

**A02403:** On January 19, 2021, this partisan bill was referred to the Assembly Education Committee. It is sponsored by Assembly member Alicia Hyndman [D]. As written, the bill would require the **installation of vaping detectors in certain schools.**

- *Legalization of Marijuana*

On January 6, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced a proposal: "[to Legalize and Create an equitable Adult-use Cannabis Program as Part of the 2021 State of the State.](#)" Under the proposal, the State would establish an Office of Cannabis Management to oversee an adult-use program and three existing medical and cannabinoid hemp programs. The proposal projects more than \$300 million in tax revenue. The proposal follows the 2019 legislation to decriminalize the penalties for unlawful possession of marijuana and expunge records for some marijuana related convictions.

- *Special Education Funding*

**A01035/S02654:** This multi-sponsored bill would amend Section 3651 of the Education Law to authorize school districts to establish