

# Vape-sale bill advances

Measure would require products hidden from kids

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Nassau County legislative committees on Monday approved a bill requiring retailers to keep e-cigarettes and other vaping products behind the counter in an effort to discourage young people from using the popular products.

The bill passed both the Rules and Health and Social Services Committees by 7-0 margins.

Sellers would be fined for not keeping the products behind the counter and away from candy and toys. "Point-of-sale" advertising for the products also would be limited.

The bill was sponsored by the Republican majority caucus and is backed by County Executive Laura Curran, a Democrat. It must be approved by the full legislature, which meets next on July 9.

The liquid used with e-ciga-



A bill would require Nassau sellers to keep vaping products such as these out of view of young people.

rettes comes in sweet flavors, such as cotton candy and gummy bear. Buyers of tobacco products must be at least 21 years old in Nassau.

Legis. Rose Marie Walker (R-Hicksville) said during a hearing Monday that the advertising can be "very enticing because it does look like it's fun

for kids, so it entices young children to want to purchase it."

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 2 million middle and high school students in the United States had used e-cigarettes in 2016 during the previous 30 days. That represented 4.3 per-

cent of students in middle school and 11.3 percent of high school students.

Also Monday, the Rules Committee voted 7-0 for a bill authorizing the county to develop a website dedicated to bullying prevention and awareness.

The website would include resources for those who are bul-

lied, and include definitions of bullying and signs that someone is being bullied or is a bully. The site also would include resources for young people who are bullied on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation.

The bill was sponsored by Legis. Joshua Lafazan of Woodbury, who has no party affiliation and caucuses with Democrats.

Joe Salamone, executive director of the Long Island Coalition Against Bullying, said in years past "there was no spotlight on the issue at all."

Salamone said, "many, many families still look for information that often is not always readily accessible to them. Kids are still reluctant to come forward about their struggles, and parents are still unaware of what to look out for, or what to do until it becomes unmistakably clear and they are already knee-deep in it."

Also Monday, the Rules committee approved a bill sponsored by Legis. Laura Schaefer (R-Westbury), aimed at better publicizing the county's 24/7 behavioral health helpline.

# Miner selects GOP mayor as running mate

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ALBANY — Stephanie Miner, the former Democratic mayor of Syracuse who is running for governor, has picked a Republican mayor from Westchester County as a running mate on the bipartisan Serve America Movement line.

Miner announced Monday that Pelham Mayor Michael J. Volpe will run for lieutenant governor on her ticket.

Volpe is a Hofstra University graduate and Glen Cove native. He is serving his second mayoral term in the village after two terms on the Pelham Town Council. He was also a trustee and deputy mayor for the Village of Pelham. He is a lawyer, graduating from New York Law School, and earned a degree in industrial relations from Cornell University and the

City University of New York.

"The current state of New York politics is broken, corrupt and too partisan with taxpayers footing the bill," Volpe said, calling for fundamental changes in how Albany operates. "The fault lies with both parties and voters deserve a new choice. Stephanie and I hope that our uncommon partnership sparks a real, honest dialogue among New Yorkers from all walks of life."

Miner is challenging Democratic Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo. His running mate is Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul, a former congresswoman who represented part of Western New York.

Republican nominee Marc Molinaro, the Dutchess County executive, has chosen Julie Killian, a former Rye town deputy mayor and a former candidate for State Senate in Westchester County, as his running mate.

Cuomo's other opponent,

Working Families Party candidate Cynthia Nixon, hasn't yet announced a running mate. Nixon said she will challenge Cuomo in the Democratic primary in September.

New York City Councilman Jumaane Williams of Brooklyn is running for lieutenant governor in the Democratic primary against Hochul. He hasn't joined a candidate for governor to form a ticket. He is endorsed by the liberal Working Families Party.

In New York, voters can split their vote in a primary contest by choosing a candidate for governor and a lieutenant governor candidate who are running on different tickets. But in the general election in November the governor and lieutenant governor candidates for a party run on a single ticket.

There was no immediate comment from the Hochul, Killian or Williams campaigns.



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