

## **Senate Passes Anti-Bullying Legislation**

Eight months after Houston-area middle school student [Asher Brown](#)'s suicide, the [Texas Senate](#) unanimously approved "anti-bullying" legislation aimed at giving school administrators authority to prevent ongoing harassment of students.

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## **Potential Savings from Smoking Ban May Keep the Measure Alive**

After years of losing efforts to ban smoking in Texas public places, supporters might have found their winning move.

In a legislative session dominated by searing debates over a strained state budget, a provision banning smoking in most bars and restaurants has been tucked neatly into a crucial spending bill.

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