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“TREY’S LAW” PASSES TEXAS HOUSE | NYT ARTICLE PUBLISHED

(April 8, 2025)-- Today, [New York Times](#) reporter David Chen published an article about the national movement to pass NDA and Civil Statute of Limitations reform for child sexual abuse and trafficking survivors.

Shortly after, the Texas House unanimously passed [HB 748](#) (“Trey’s Law”), which would prohibit the misuse of non-disclosure agreements in civil settlements for child sexual abuse, adult sexual assault, and trafficking victims.

“For too long, this has been the policy of this state. We have here, in Texas, allowed for sanctioned blood money - for hush money - in these awful cases of abuse. And today, with the passage of Trey’s Law, that practice comes to an end,” said Rep. Jeff Leach, author of HB 748, in his address today. Rep. Mitch Little emphasized that the Texas House is making a statement that “silence is no longer for sale” in the state of Texas. The bill now awaits a hearing in the Texas Senate.

Rep Jeff Leach, chair of the House Judiciary Committee also quoted victim advocate, Elizabeth Carlock Phillips (Trey’s older sister): “The use of NDAs in settlement agreements is essentially lawful hush money. It is institutional abuse on top of sexual abuse.”

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