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## **Trey's Law Announced as Priority in Georgia's "State of the State" Address**

*The Public Safety Measure Would Ban NDAs in Child Sexual Abuse and Trafficking Cases*

**ATLANTA — January 15, 2026** – Today, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp announced during his [State of the State address](#) that "[Trey's Law](#)" will be a priority of First Lady Marty Kemp and the [Georgians for Refuge, Action, Compassion, and Education \(GRACE\) Commission](#).

"We all know this fight is not over. That's why my team will introduce an 11th bill in the coming days that will further protect our children, expose abusers, and save lives by preventing the silence imposed on far too many victims," said Gov. Kemp in his address. "Modeled after Trey's Law passed in other states, it will be just the latest reminder that no child should be a victim of such an evil act."

Trey's Law legislation seeks to end the misuse of non-disclosure agreements ("NDAs") against child sexual abuse and trafficking victims in civil settlement agreements. These contracts, often intended to protect confidential corporate IP and data, have often been misused to suppress survivors' stories and shield bad actors from accountability in Georgia's civil courts.

"We are deeply grateful to the First Lady for her leadership to protect survivors' voices," said Elizabeth Phillips, founder of Trey's Law. "This will help so many victims suffering in the shadows to heal and make Georgia safer for all children."

Phillips' late brother, Trey Carlock, is the namesake of Trey's Law. Trey grew up in Atlanta and Dallas, Texas. He was a victim of child sexual abuse at Kanakuk Kamps, a popular Christian sports camp based in Missouri. After his abuser was sentenced to three life terms in 2010, Trey pursued justice to hold others involved accountable through civil litigation. That retraumatizing process ended with a civil settlement agreement that included a restrictive NDA, legally silencing him from speaking about his abuse and Kanakuk's role in it. At the age of 28, Trey died by suicide after telling a therapist, "they will always control me, and I'll never be free."

As this survivor-led movement [gained national attention](#) earlier this year, versions of Trey's Law were passed with unanimous and bipartisan support in [Texas](#), taking effect September 1, 2025, and in [Missouri](#) on August 28, 2025. Survivors, advocates, mental health professionals, subject matter experts and faith leaders all testified in strong support of the bills. Legislation has also been filed in [Alabama](#) this session.

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