

“Trey’s Law” Filed in the Oklahoma House of Representatives

Rep. Kannady Files Public Safety Bill to Ban NDAs in Child Sexual Abuse and Trafficking Cases

OKLAHOMA CITY — January 22, 2026 – Oklahoma Rep. Chris Kannady (R-District 91) has filed [HB 4227](#) “[Trey’s Law](#)” legislation to ensure survivors of child sexual abuse and trafficking are no longer silenced by non-disclosure agreements (“NDAs”) in civil settlements. The bill also eliminates the criminal statute of limitations for child sexual abuse, in line with [other states’ laws](#).

The “Trey’s Law” legislation introduced in Oklahoma would prohibit NDAs in civil cases involving child sexual abuse and trafficking in the interest of public safety. It ensures survivors can share their stories without fear of legal recourse. As drafted, the bill would apply to both future and past civil settlement agreements, making the NDA clause void and unenforceable as a matter of public safety. 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.

“With the filing of this bill, Rep. Kannady is standing firmly with survivors and championing a future for Oklahoma where truth, healing, and justice can prevail,” said Elizabeth Phillips, founder of Trey’s Law. “We are grateful for Cindy Clemishire’s advocacy for this legislation in Texas, and we are heartened to see these protections expand to her home state of Oklahoma. We also strongly support the criminal statute of limitations elimination component of HB 4227, and filed separately as [HB 4244](#), which will allow future survivors of child sexual abuse more time to seek justice in Oklahoma’s criminal courts.”

“Because I refused to sign that NDA at 37, I am able to sit here today at 55 years old and share my story in hopes of helping others,” [Clemishire bravely testified](#) in a Texas Senate State Affairs Committee hearing for Trey’s Law last year, the day before her abuser Robert Morris’ first court appearance in Oklahoma. Morris, the disgraced former megachurch pastor, has since [pleaded guilty](#) to all five charges of lewd or indecent acts to a child stemming from his abuse of Clemishire in the 1980s.

“Silencing survivors doesn’t just endanger communities — it interferes with healing and prolongs trauma. ‘Trey’s Law’ is about public safety, accountability, and restoring to survivors what was taken from them — their voice. Oklahoma has an opportunity to lead with courage and compassion by making it clear that truth should never be illegal,” said Clemishire regarding the Oklahoma bill filing.

Phillips’ younger brother, Trey Carlock, is the namesake of “Trey’s Law.” Trey was a victim of child sexual abuse at Camp Kanakuk. Oklahoma is one of their top markets. 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 settlement agreement that included a restrictive NDA, barring Trey from ever 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, and “Trey’s Law” was announced as a priority bill by [Georgia](#) Governor Brian Kemp in his “State of the State” address last week.

More information and ongoing updates are available at TreysLaw.org.

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