

1-1 By: Paxton, Hagenbuch, Parker S.B. No. 835  
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| 1-7  | COMMITTEE VOTE     |     |     |        |     |
| 1-8  |                    | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
| 1-9  | Hughes             | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-10 | Paxton             | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-11 | Bettencourt        | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-12 | Birdwell           | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-13 | Hall               | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-14 | Hinojosa of Nueces | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-15 | Middleton          | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-16 | Parker             | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-17 | Perry              | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-18 | Schwertner         |     |     | X      |     |
| 1-19 | Zaffirini          | X   |     |        |     |

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 835 By: Paxton

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the enforceability of certain nondisclosure or  
1-24 confidentiality provisions with respect to an act of sexual abuse.  
1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-26 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as Trey's Law.  
1-27 SECTION 2. Title 6, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is  
1-28 amended by adding Chapter 129C to read as follows:  
1-29 CHAPTER 129C. AGREEMENTS PROHIBITING DISCLOSURES REGARDING SEXUAL  
1-30 ABUSE  
1-31 Sec. 129C.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "act of sexual  
1-32 abuse" means conduct described by:  
1-33 (1) Section 261.001(1)(E), (F), (G), (H), (K), or (L),  
1-34 Family Code; or  
1-35 (2) one or more of the following penal laws:  
1-36 (A) indecency with a child under Section 21.11,  
1-37 Penal Code;  
1-38 (B) sexual assault under Section 22.011, Penal  
1-39 Code;  
1-40 (C) aggravated sexual assault under Section  
1-41 22.021, Penal Code;  
1-42 (D) sexual performance by a child under Section  
1-43 43.25, Penal Code;  
1-44 (E) trafficking of persons under Section  
1-45 20A.02(a)(3), (4), (7), or (8), Penal Code; and  
1-46 (F) compelling prostitution under Section 43.05,  
1-47 Penal Code.  
1-48 Sec. 129C.002. CERTAIN PROVISIONS UNENFORCEABLE. Any  
1-49 provision of a nondisclosure or confidentiality agreement or  
1-50 nondisclosure or confidentiality provision of an employment  
1-51 agreement, settlement agreement, or any other agreement is void and  
1-52 unenforceable as against the public policy of this state to the  
1-53 extent the provision prohibits a person, including a party, from  
1-54 disclosing an act of sexual abuse or facts related to an act of  
1-55 sexual abuse to any other person. Nothing in this section may be  
1-56 construed to prohibit a person, including a party, from agreeing to  
1-57 keep confidential any other provision of a settlement agreement,  
1-58 including the amount or payment terms of a settlement.  
1-59 SECTION 3. (a) Subject to Subsection (b) of this section,  
1-60 the change in law made by this Act applies to an agreement entered

into before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) A person, including a party, may not enforce or attempt to enforce an agreement or a provision of an agreement described by Section 129C.002, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as added by this Act, entered into before the effective date of this Act unless the person obtains a declaratory judgment under Chapter 37, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, that is final and not subject to appeal and declares that the agreement or provision is enforceable.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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