



Resolution: Protecting Texas Schoolchildren from Abuse

WHEREAS, protecting Texas children from sexual and physical abuse in public schools is a paramount duty of government a matter of public conscience, and a core conservative principle rooted in parental rights and the sanctity of childhood; and

WHEREAS, approximately 90% of child predators have no prior criminal record, yet Texas recorded 6,888 reports of physical and sexual abuse by school employees from September 2021–July 2023; 915 reports of student sex abuse and 1,460 reports of violence in the 2024-25 school year; and more than 30,000 annual criminal history “hits” on school employees—while many ISDs continue to ignore laws designed to prevent “Passing the Trash” and fail to self-correct by implementing proactive screening procedures; and

WHEREAS, evidence-based best practices—endorsed by child-protection experts—require a multi-layered screening process for all school employees, contractors, and volunteers with student contact, including detailed applications, thorough verbal reference checks, structured behavioral interviews probing boundary maintenance and grooming red flags, fingerprint-based FBI national criminal checks plus sex-offender and child-abuse registries, and ongoing measures such as probationary supervision, periodic re-screening, “Rap Back” monitoring, zero-tolerance policies, and mandatory annual training; and

WHEREAS, to prevent a major loophole in “passing the trash,” schools must adopt mandated misconduct disclosure, voiding all employment contract clauses, separation agreements or other instruments designed to cloak a school employee’s misconduct with a student by omission;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas adopts the following new plank in the Education section of the Party Platform:

“Student Safety from Abuse: Texas schools must prioritize the protection of every child from sexual and physical abuse. Building on Trey’s Law (SB 835), we demand the total abolition of all contracts, separation agreements, and nondisclosure provisions that cloak employee misconduct with students by omission. We require mandatory prior-employer misconduct disclosure and comprehensive multi-layered screening and ongoing monitoring—including fingerprint-based national checks, behavioral interviews targeting grooming red flags, reference verification, and continuous Rap Back notifications. Schools shall enforce zero-tolerance boundary policies and annual training. Districts shall be encouraged to implement these proven safeguards and will be held accountable for failing to responsibly screen and evaluate employees with strict enforcement mechanisms to restore parental trust and protect childhood innocence.”

A copy of this resolution should be sent to the _____ County/Senate District # _____ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # _____ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the Republican Party of Texas.