## VULNERABLE YOUTH PROTECTION ACT HB 2258

**Rep Steve Toth** 

## Legislation to stop Social Transitioning of Minors

March 4, 2025

- Victims have 20 years to file lawsuit
- 2Using civil liability to deter harmful practices
- Parents can sue on behalf of their children
- 4Statutory damages \$10,000+ per defendant
- •Punitive damages \$10,000,000+ per defendant





## HB 2258 Vulnerable Youth Protection Act



## **Program**

9:00 TO 10:00AM

Meet up at **Capitol Conference Room E1.018**, form groups, grab materials to give to legislators

10:00 to 10:30am

Instructions for meeting with legislators

E1.018 is reserved from 9am to 12pm

10:30 to 4:00pm

Visit legislators & discuss the bill to garner support; Grab lunch; stop by **Rep. Steve Toth's office E1.404** to debrief

4:00 to 5:30pm

Grab dinner & join us for worship

6:00 to 7:30pm

Meet for **Pursuit Night Worship Service in the Auditorium** 

## Where to Eat

## **INSIDE THE CAPITAL**

Captial Grill - Extension - E1.002

## **SHORT WALK OUTSIDE**

Texas Chili Parlor Phoebe's Diner Clay Pit Quiznos Quattro 15th Street Cafe Chipotle Roaring Fork Scholz Garden

## **FAR WALK/SHORT RIDE**

Perry's
Velvet Taco
Cava
Chic-Fil-A
Raising Cane's
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Caroline



March 4, 2025



## **NOTES**

HB 2258 follows the **Texas Heartbeat Act** model, using civil liability to deter harmful practices while limiting government involvement Statutory damages of at least \$10,000 per defendant. **Punitive damages of at** least \$10 million per defendant in cases involving irreversible sterilization or sexual dysfunction. **Extended Statute** of Limitations: Victims have 20 years from the date of the alleged harm to bring a lawsuit.

## ADVOCATE TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SOCIAL TRANSITIONING

## Meeting with Your Local Legislator and their Staff



## BEFORE THE MEETING

## **KNOW THE ISSUE**

Take the time to read HB 2258 Vulnerable Youth Protection Act. Visit the website

www.GrassrootsTherapists.com and read the 1 page summary in this program.

## **LEARN THE PROCESS**

Our Texas Legislature only meets for 140 days every other year. There are many barriers to creating and passing policy in that short time. Know that the session goes quickly. Being a reliable resource to your member will make you an effective advocate. And we'll keep you posted on key points to stay engaged as the session continues.

## AT THE MEETING

## **BE HONEST**

Give a true and specific account of your story and knowledge. Use this time to educate and encourage your lawmaker. If you aren't sure of something, that is ok. Be sure to provide the needed information later by email or phone.

## **BE KIND**

Make your points persuasive and succinct (You might only get 5-15 minutes!) while finding common ground. We want to work with our representative, not against.

## **BE SPECIFIC**

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## **BE PERSONAL**

No one knows your story better than you. Legislators remember when they know the direct impact their work has on constituents. Your stories about kids and youth needing better care with churches are memborable, and indisputable.

## **FOLLOW UP**

There are lots of ways to contact your legislator.

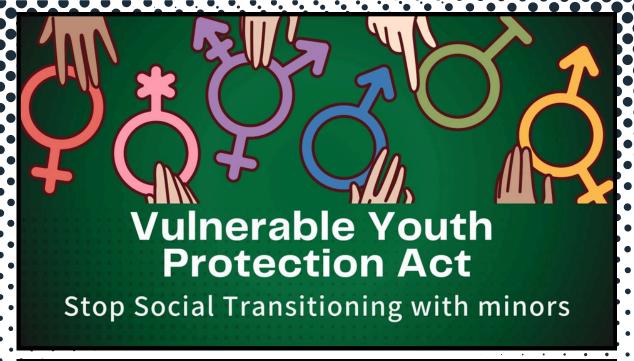
**In-Person** at their office in their district or at the Capitol

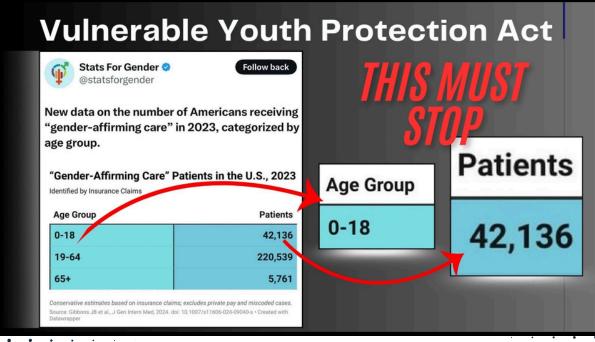
**At Events** they may host town halls, open forums, etc.

**Calls & Emails** Legislative Staff can be very helpful

**Personal Invitation** for them to visit your church or to attend a meeting in your community (including virtually)

## AFTER THE MEETING





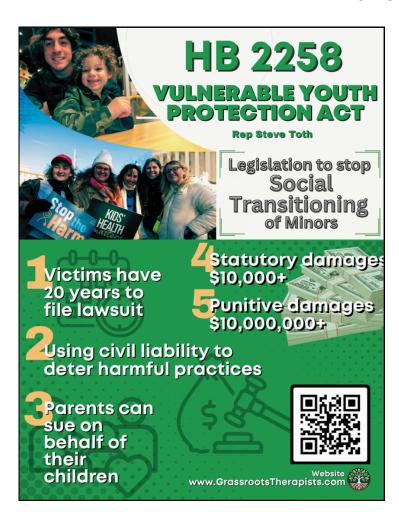


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When visiting offices, let them know who you are and where to follow up by leaving behind some printed materials.



## TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



STEVE TOTH

Executive Summary: House Bill 2258 – The Vulnerable Youth Protection Act

House Bill 2258 (HB 2258), known as The Vulnerable Youth Protection Act, establishes a private right of action for individuals who, as minors, suffered castration, sterilization, or mutilation. It allows them to sue those responsible—including medical and mental health professionals, educators, and others who contributed to their social or medical transitioning. Liability extends beyond medical procedures to include social transitioning actions, such as encouraging minors to change their clothing, pronouns

Key Provisions

HB 2258 follows the Texas Heartbeat Act model, using civil liability to deter harmful practices while

- 2255 follows the Texas Heartbeat Act model, using civil liability to deter harmful practices whilting government involvement:

  Liability for Those Who Facilitate Transitioning:

  Applies to medical professionals and non-medical individuals involved in social or medical transitioning.

  Parents may also sue on behalf of their child.

  Available Damages:

  Nominal and compensatory damages for injuries suffered.

  Statutory damages of at least \$10,000 per defendant.

  Publiky admages of at least \$10,000 per defendant in cases involving irreversible.

- Punitive damages of at least \$10 million per defendant in cases involving irreversible sterilization or sexual dysfunction.

- Victims have 20 years from the date of the alleged harm to bring a lawsuit.

egal Defensibility & Protections
B 2258 is designed to withstand legal challenges and ensure enforceability
Does Not Violate the First Amendment:

- No liability for speech or conduct protected by the U.S. Constitution.

  Excludes Consent as a Defense:
   A minor's consent to transitioning is not a valid legal defense.
- Severability Clause:

If any part of the bill is struck down, the remaining provisions remain in effect.

HB 2258 protects children from irreversible harm by holding adults accountable for promoting or facilitating gender transition in minors. By imposing strict civil penalties and broad liability, the bill deters these actions while empowering victims to seek justice. If passed, Texas will lead the nation in afeguarding vulnerable youth



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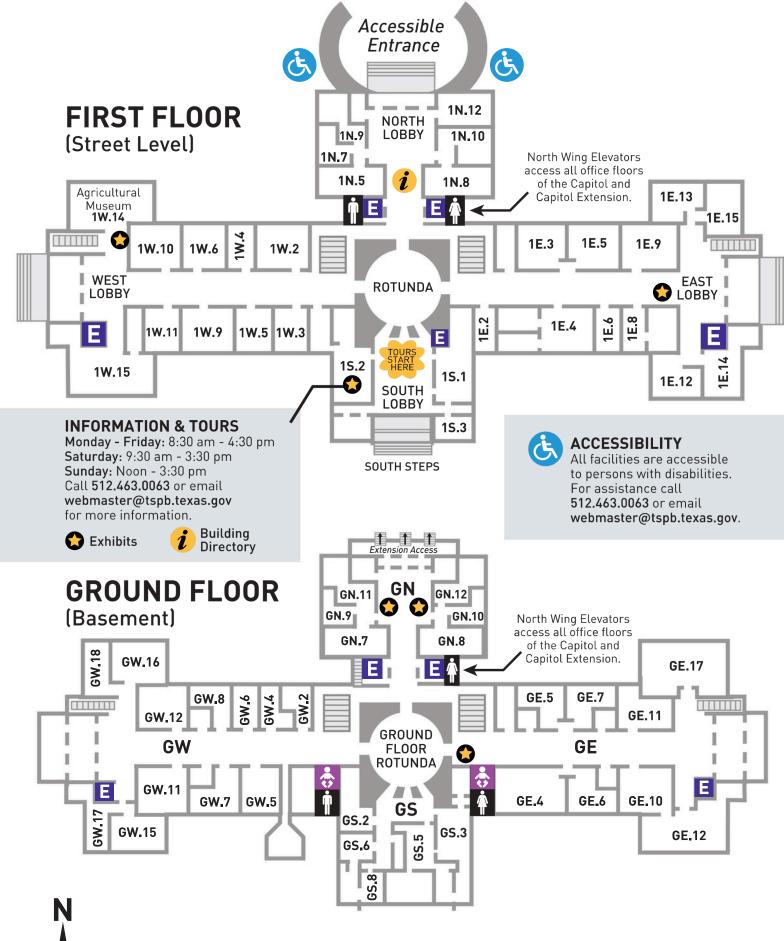
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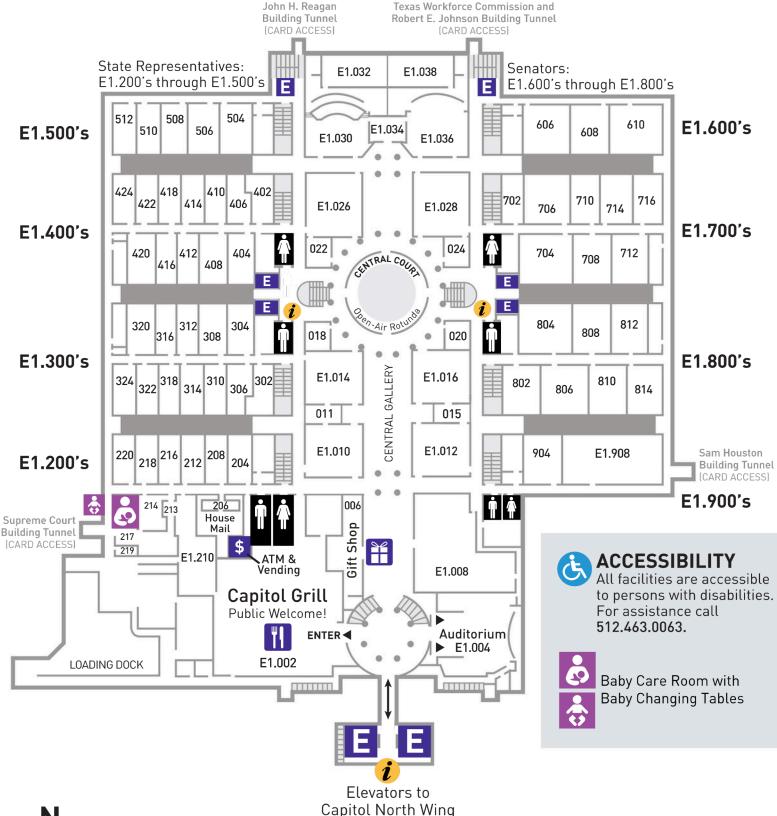
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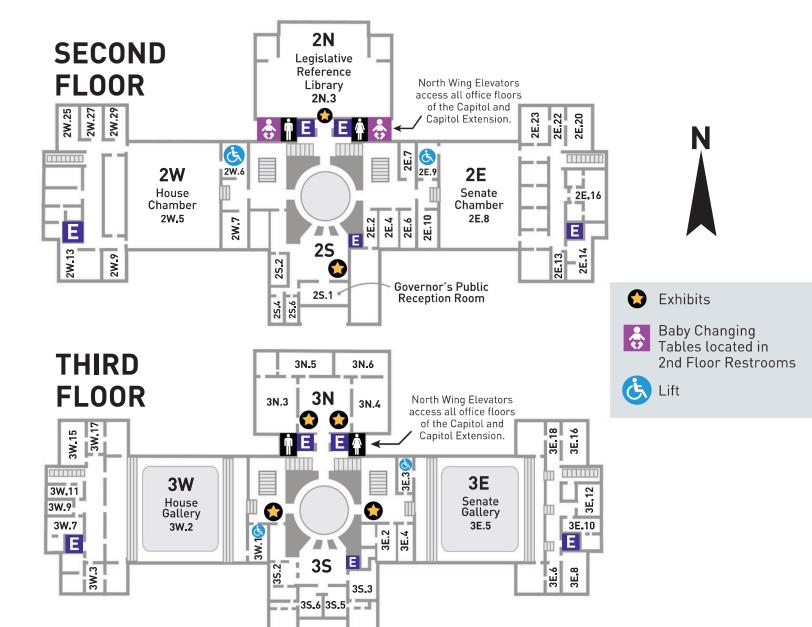
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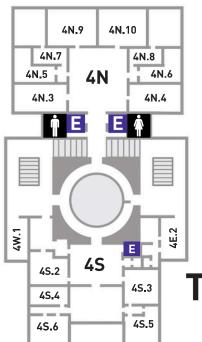


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Floor E1



## **FOURTH FLOOR**



## **INFORMATION & TOURS**

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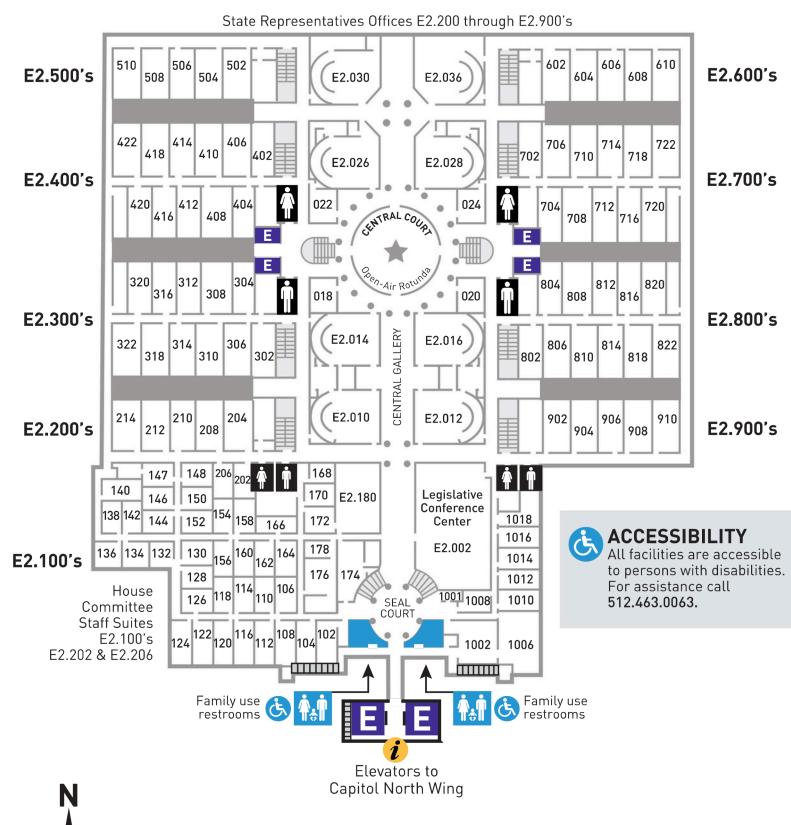
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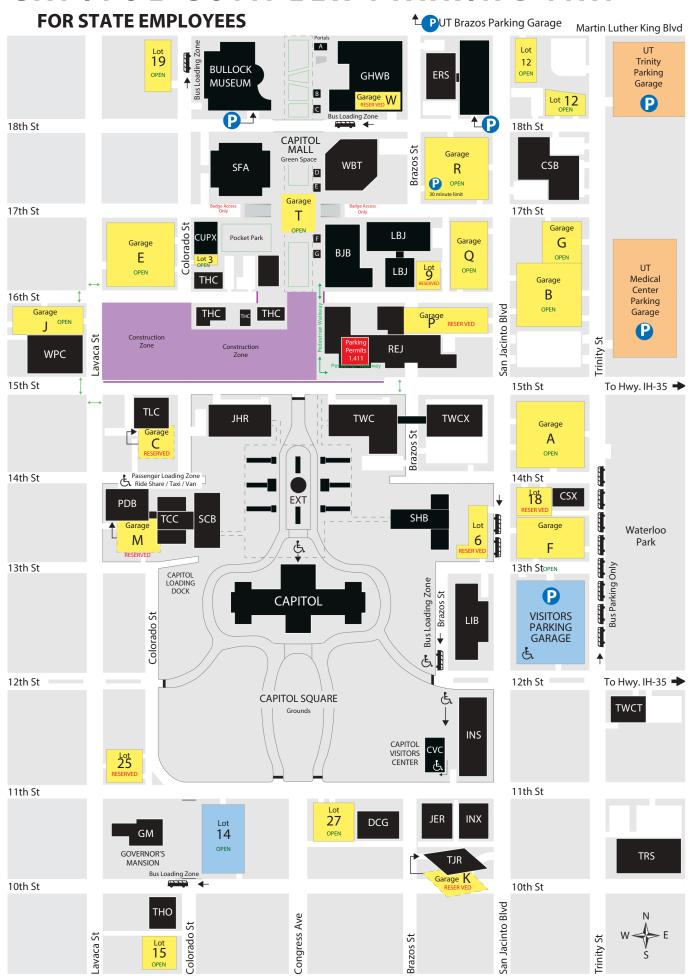
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## VULNERABLE YOUTH PROTECTION ACT HB 2258

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## Executive Summary: House Bill 2258 - The Vulnerable Youth Protection Act

House Bill 2258 (HB 2258), known as The Vulnerable Youth Protection Act, establishes a private right of action for individuals who, as minors, suffered castration, sterilization, or mutilation. It allows them to sue those responsible—including medical and mental health professionals, educators, and others who contributed to their social or medical transitioning. Liability extends beyond medical procedures to include social transitioning actions, such as encouraging minors to change their clothing, pronouns, hairstyle, or name.

## **Kev Provisions**

HB 2258 follows the Texas Heartbeat Act model, using civil liability to deter harmful practices while limiting government involvement:

## Liability for Those Who Facilitate Transitioning:

- Applies to medical professionals and non-medical individuals involved in social or medical transitioning.
- Parents may also sue on behalf of their child.

## Available Damages:

- Nominal and compensatory damages for injuries suffered.
- Statutory damages of at least \$10,000 per defendant.
- Punitive damages of at least \$10 million per defendant in cases involving irreversible sterilization or sexual dysfunction.
- Reimbursement for attorney's fees and legal costs.

## Extended Statute of Limitations:

Victims have 20 years from the date of the alleged harm to bring a lawsuit.

## Legal Defensibility & Protections

HB 2258 is designed to withstand legal challenges and ensure enforceability:

## Does Not Violate the First Amendment:

No liability for speech or conduct protected by the U.S. Constitution.

## **Excludes Consent as a Defense:**

A minor's consent to transitioning is not a valid legal defense.

## Severability Clause:

If any part of the bill is struck down, the remaining provisions remain in effect.

HB 2258 protects children from irreversible harm by holding adults accountable for promoting or facilitating gender transition in minors. By imposing strict civil penalties and broad liability, the bill deters these actions while empowering victims to seek justice. If passed, Texas will lead the nation in safeguarding vulnerable youth.



HB 2258