



STATE OF IOWA
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

May 02, 2026

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 273, an Act relating to mandatory reporting to the board of educational examiners of licensed school employees who engage in grooming behavior toward students.

The above Senate File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



Senate File 273

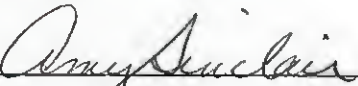
AN ACT
RELATING TO MANDATORY REPORTING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL
EXAMINERS OF LICENSED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WHO ENGAGE IN
GROOMING BEHAVIOR TOWARD STUDENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:


Section 1. Section 256.160, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

a. "*Grooming behavior*" means any pattern of behavior, which in light of all relevant circumstances, constitutes actions to entice or entrap a student ~~or students~~ with the intent to ~~make~~ take advantage of such student or students engage for the

benefit of the individual engaging in the pattern of behavior,
including but not limited to by engaging in a sex act with the
student.

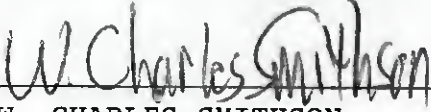


AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate



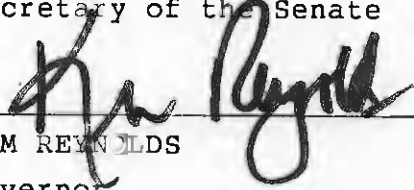
PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and
is known as Senate File 273, Ninety-first General Assembly.



W. CHARLES SMITHSON
Secretary of the Senate

Approved May 2nd, 2026



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor