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SENATE FILE 2270

BY HARPER

(Formerly 2171)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the prohibition of sexual acts between
 2 employees and agents at juvenile placement facilities and
 3 juveniles and providing a penalty.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 709.16, Code 1997, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 709.16 SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WITH OFFENDERS AND JUVENILES.

4 1. An officer, employee, contractor, vendor, volunteer, or
5 agent of the department of corrections, or an officer,
6 employee, or agent of a judicial district department of
7 correctional services, who engages in a sex act with an
8 individual committed to the custody of the department of
9 corrections or a judicial district department of correctional
10 services commits an aggravated misdemeanor.

11 2. An officer, employee, contractor, vendor, volunteer, or
12 agent of a juvenile placement facility who engages in a sex
13 act with a juvenile placed at such facility commits an
14 aggravated misdemeanor.

15 EXPLANATION

16 Current law prohibits correctional employees, contractors,
17 and other agents from engaging in a sex act with offenders in
18 custody. This bill expands the criminal offense of sexual
19 misconduct to prohibit such sex acts between juvenile
20 placement facility employees, contractors, and other agents
21 and juveniles placed at these facilities.

22 A person who violates the bill commits an aggravated
23 misdemeanor.

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