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BY UPMEYER

(COMPANION TO LSB 6224XS BY
GRONSTAL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act expanding the criminal offense of and related penalties
2 for sexual exploitation to include persons issued a school
3 coaching authorization.

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

1 Section 1. Section 709.15, subsection 1, paragraph f, Code
2 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 f. *"School employee"* means a practitioner as defined in
4 section 272.1 or a person issued a coaching authorization under
5 section 272.31, subsection 1.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill expands the Code provision that establishes
10 the criminal offense of sexual exploitation to include
11 persons issued a coaching authorization and provides criminal
12 penalties.

13 The Code currently defines "school employee" in Code
14 section 709.15 to mean a practitioner as defined in Code
15 section 272.1. That provision defines "practitioner" to mean
16 an administrator, teacher, or other licensed professional,
17 including an individual who holds a statement of professional
18 recognition, who provides educational assistance to students.
19 The bill expands the definition to include a person issued a
20 coaching authorization by the board of educational examiners.

21 This broadening of the offense of sexual exploitation
22 results in making such persons subject to the sex offender
23 registry, but does not classify the offense as a forcible
24 felony. Such a person who commits sexual exploitation
25 in violation of Code section 709.15(3) commits either an
26 aggravated misdemeanor, which is punishable by confinement for
27 no more than two years and a fine of at least \$625 but not more
28 than \$6,250; or a class "D" felony, which is punishable by
29 confinement for no more than five years and a fine of at least
30 \$750 but not more than \$7,500.