

Senate Study Bill 1161 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SODDERS)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the definition of sex act and sexual
2 activity in the criminal code.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 702.17, subsection 3, Code 2015, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Contact between the finger or hand of one person and
4 the genitalia, breast, or anus of another person, except in
5 the course of examination or treatment by a person licensed
6 pursuant to chapter 148, 148C, 151, or 152.

7 EXPLANATION

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

10 This bill relates to the definition of "sex act" and "sexual
11 activity".

12 Under the bill, the term "sex act" and "sexual activity"
13 includes any sexual contact by a finger or hand of one person
14 and the breast of another person except during the course of a
15 legitimate medical examination.

16 The bill, by expanding the definition of "sex act" and
17 "sexual activity", also expands the definition of numerous
18 criminal offenses, including but not limited to sexual
19 abuse (Code chapter 709), lascivious acts with a child (Code
20 section 709.8), indecent exposure (Code section 709.9), sexual
21 exploitation by a counselor, therapist, or school employee
22 (Code section 709.15), sexual misconduct with offenders or
23 juveniles (Code section 709.16), sexual abuse of a corpse
24 (Code section 709.18), enticing a minor (Code section 710.10),
25 and solicitation of commercial sexual activity (Code section
26 710A.2A).