

House Study Bill 626 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to child abuse involving the commission of
2 a sexual offense with or to a child by a person who is
3 eighteen years of age or older.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 232.68, subsection 2, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (3), Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

3 (3) The commission of a sexual offense with or to a child
4 pursuant to [chapter 709, section 726.2](#), or section 728.12,
5 subsection 1, as a result of the acts or omissions of the
6 person responsible for the care of the child or of a person who
7 is eighteen years of age or older and resides in a home with
8 the child. Notwithstanding [section 702.5](#), the commission of
9 a sexual offense under this subparagraph includes any sexual
10 offense referred to in this subparagraph with or to a person
11 under the age of eighteen years.

12 EXPLANATION

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

15 This bill amends the definition of child abuse in Code
16 chapter 232, relating to child abuse reporting and assessments.

17 Under current law, child abuse is defined to include the
18 commission of a sexual offense with or to a child as a result of
19 the acts or omissions of the person responsible for the care of
20 the child or of a person, regardless of the age of the person,
21 who resides in a home with the child.

22 The bill changes current law to provide that child abuse
23 includes the commission of a sexual offense with or to a child
24 as a result of the acts or omissions of the person responsible
25 for the care of the child or of a person who is 18 years of age
26 or older and resides in a home with the child.