

**House File 2602 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 575)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a criminal offense of grooming and  
2 providing penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 709.8A Grooming.

2 1. A person commits grooming when the person knowingly  
3 performs an act in person or by conduct through a third party,  
4 uses a computer, internet service, or any other electronic  
5 storage or transmission device, or uses written communication  
6 to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, or attempt to seduce,  
7 solicit, lure, or entice, a child or a person believed to be a  
8 child to commit any sex act or to otherwise engage in unlawful  
9 sexual conduct. As used in this section, "child" means a person  
10 under eighteen years of age.

11 2. Grooming is a class "D" felony.

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 establishes the criminal offense of grooming.

16 The bill provides that a person commits grooming when  
17 the person knowingly performs an act in person or by conduct  
18 through a third party, uses a computer, internet service, or  
19 any other electronic data storage or transmission device, or  
20 uses written communication to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice,  
21 or attempt to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, a child or  
22 a person believed to be a child to commit any sex act or to  
23 otherwise engage in any unlawful sexual conduct. The bill  
24 defines "child" as a person under 18 years of age.

25 The bill provides that grooming is a class "D" felony. A  
26 class "D" felony is punishable by confinement for no more than  
27 five years and a fine of at least \$1,025 but not more than  
28 \$10,245.