

House File 561 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the criminal offense of grooming, and making
- 2 penalties applicable.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 709.8A, Code 2025, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **709.8A Grooming.**

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

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

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill relates to the criminal offense of grooming.

19 The bill provides that a person commits grooming if the person
20 seduces, solicits, lures, or entices, or attempts to seduce,
21 solicit, lure, or entice, a child or a person believed to be a
22 child, which includes a law enforcement officer or agent posing
23 as be a child.