

**House Study Bill 46 - Introduced**

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to mandatory reporting to the board of  
2 educational examiners of licensed school employees who engage  
3 in grooming behavior toward students.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256.160, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code  
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. ~~"Grooming behavior" means any behavior, which in light~~  
4 ~~of all relevant circumstances, constitutes actions to entice or~~  
5 ~~entrap a student or students with the intent to make such student~~  
6 ~~or students engage in a sex act~~ the process of building trust and  
7 emotional connections with a student with the intent to exploit  
8 such student.

9 EXPLANATION

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

12 This bill relates to mandatory reporting to the board of  
13 educational examiners (BOEE) of licensed school employees who  
14 engage in grooming behavior toward students. Current law  
15 requires the board of directors of a school district or area  
16 education agency, the superintendent of a school district,  
17 the chief administrator of an area education agency, and the  
18 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school, to  
19 report to the BOEE any instance of disciplinary action taken  
20 against a licensed school employee for conduct constituting  
21 soliciting, encouraging, or consummating a sexual or physical  
22 relationship with a student, grooming behavior toward a student,  
23 or an otherwise inappropriate relationship with a student.  
24 For purposes of this provision, current law defines "grooming  
25 behavior" to mean any behavior, which in light of all relevant  
26 circumstances, constitutes actions to entice or entrap a student  
27 or students with the intent to make such student or students  
28 engage in a sex act. The bill modifies "grooming behavior" to  
29 mean the process of building trust and emotional connections with  
30 a student with the intent to exploit such student.