HOUSE FILE 2602
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 575)

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A BILL FOR

An Act establishing a criminal offense of grooming and providing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. **709.8A Grooming.**

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

2. Grooming is a class "D" felony.