

## CHAPTER 1123

### GROOMING — CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND PENALTIES

*H.F. 2602*

**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.

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