

CHAPTER 1066**DEFINITION OF GROOMING BEHAVIOR — MANDATORY REPORTING TO BOARD OF
EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS***S.F. 273*

AN ACT relating to mandatory reporting to the board of educational examiners of licensed school employees who engage in grooming behavior toward students.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

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

a. “*Grooming behavior*” means any pattern of behavior, which in light of all relevant circumstances, constitutes actions to entice or entrap a student ~~or students~~ with the intent to ~~make~~ take advantage of such student ~~or students engage~~ for the benefit of the individual engaging in the pattern of behavior, including but not limited to by engaging in a sex act with the student.

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