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May 1, 2024

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

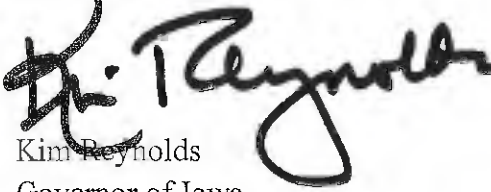
Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 2602, an Act establishing a criminal offense of grooming and providing penalties.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,


Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 2602

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF GROOMING AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES.

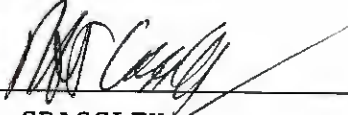
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 709.8A Grooming.

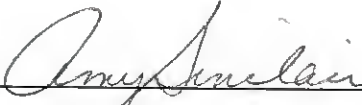
1. A person commits grooming when the person knowingly performs an act in person or by conduct through a third party, uses a computer, internet service, or any other electronic storage or transmission device, or uses written communication to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, or attempt to seduce, solicit, 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.

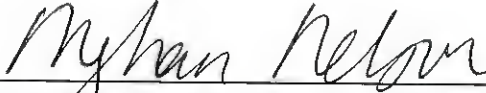


PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House



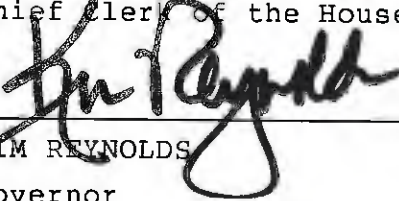
AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2602, Ninetieth General Assembly.



MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 1st, 2024



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor