

Senate File 273 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 273
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1066)

A BILL FOR

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

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 pattern of behavior, which
4 in light of all relevant circumstances, constitutes actions
5 to entice or entrap a student ~~or students~~ with the intent to
6 ~~make~~ take advantage of such student or students engage for the
7 benefit of the individual engaging in the pattern of behavior,
8 including but not limited to by engaging in a sex act with the
9 student.

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EXPLANATION

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

13 This bill relates to mandatory reporting to the board of
14 educational examiners (BOEE) of licensed school employees who
15 engage in grooming behavior toward students. Current law
16 requires the board of directors of a school district or area
17 education agency, the superintendent of a school district,
18 the chief administrator of an area education agency, and the
19 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school, to
20 report to the BOEE any instance of disciplinary action taken
21 against a licensed school employee for conduct constituting
22 soliciting, encouraging, or consummating a sexual or physical
23 relationship with a student, grooming behavior toward a
24 student, or an otherwise inappropriate relationship with a
25 student. For purposes of this provision, current law defines
26 "grooming behavior" to mean any behavior, which in light of
27 all relevant circumstances, constitutes actions to entice or
28 entrap a student or students with the intent to make such
29 student or students engage in a sex act. The bill modifies
30 "grooming behavior" to mean any pattern of behavior, which in
31 light of all relevant circumstances, constitutes actions to
32 entice or entrap a student with the intent to take advantage of
33 such student for the benefit of the individual engaging in the
34 pattern of behavior, including but not limited to by engaging
35 in a sex act with the student.