

Grooming and Traveling Sex Offenses

This Act makes it a crime to use an electronic device to entice a child’s guardian to engage in unlawful sexual acts with the child and makes it a crime to travel within or to and from the state to engage in unlawful sexual acts with a child.

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Status: Enacted into law in 2008.

Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1 Section 1. [*Short Title.*] This Act shall be cited as “An Act to Prohibit Certain Offenses
2 Against Minors.”

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4 Section 2. [*Grooming.*]

5 (A) A person commits the offense of grooming when he or she knowingly uses a
6 computer on-line service, Internet service, local bulletin board service, or any other device
7 capable of electronic data storage or transmission to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, or attempt to
8 seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, a child, a child's guardian, or another person believed by the
9 person to be a child or a child's guardian, to commit any sex offense as defined in [Section 2 of
10 the Sex Offender Registration Act] or to otherwise engage in any unlawful sexual conduct with
11 a child or with another person believed by the person to be a child.

12 (B) Grooming is a [Class 4 felony].

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14 Section 3. [*Traveling to Meet a Minor.*]

15 (A) A person commits the offense of traveling to meet a minor when he or she travels any
16 distance either within this state, to this state, or from this state by any means, attempts to do so,
17 or causes another to do so or attempt to do so for the purpose of engaging in any sex offense as
18 defined in [Section 2 of the Sex Offender Registration Act], or to otherwise engage in other
19 unlawful sexual conduct with a child or with another person believed by the person to be a child
20 after using a computer on-line service, Internet service, local bulletin board service, or any other
21 device capable of electronic data storage or transmission to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, or to
22 attempt to seduce, solicit, lure, or entice, a child or a child's guardian, or another person believed
23 by the person to be a child or a child's guardian, for such purpose.

24 (B) Traveling to meet a minor is a [Class 3 felony].

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26 Section 4. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]

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28 Section 5. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]

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30 Section 6. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]