

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to lewd or lascivious grooming;
 3 amending s. 800.04, F.S.; creating the offense of lewd
 4 or lascivious grooming; providing criminal penalties;
 5 providing an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 9 Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 800.04, Florida
 10 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (9), and a new subsection
 11 (8) is added to that section, to read:

12 800.04 Lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in
 13 the presence of persons less than 16 years of age.—

14 (8) LEWD OR LASCIVIOUS GROOMING.—

15 (a) A person who engages in the process of preparing or
 16 encouraging a child to engage in sexual activity through overtly
 17 sexually themed communication with the child or in conduct with
 18 or observed by the child without permission from the child's
 19 parent or legal guardian commits lewd or lascivious grooming.

20 (b) A person 18 years of age or older who commits lewd or
 21 lascivious grooming commits a felony of the second degree,
 22 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024.