

By Senator Martin

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

12                800.04 Lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the  
13          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.