



**HB0009**

**Grooming of children-offenses and amendments.**

Sponsored By: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; establishing the criminal offense of grooming of a minor for a sexual offense; specifying penalties; providing definitions; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

12/1/2025 Bill Number Assigned  
1/9/2026 H Received for Introduction  
2/9/2026 H Introduced and Referred to H01 - Judiciary 43-19-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Campbell, K, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter

**Nays:** Representative(s) Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Jarvis, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Nicholas, Posey, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Thayer, Wylie, Yin

**Ayes** 43 **Nays** 19 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/11/2026 H01 - Judiciary:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 8-0-1-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Brady, Bratten, Chestek, Filer, Lien, Singh, Washut, Webb

**Excused:** Representative Kelly

**Ayes** 8 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/11/2026 H Placed on General File

**HB0009HS001/ADOPTED**

Page 3-line 7 After "procedure" insert "performed by a licensed medical professional".

Page 5-line 20 Delete "ten".

Page 5-line 21 Delete "(10)" and insert "five (5)".

Page 6-line 4 Delete entirely.

Page 6-line 5 Delete line through "law" and insert "by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years".

Page 6-line 12 Delete "less than twenty-five (25)" and insert "more than fifteen (15)".

Page 6-line 13 Delete "fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00)" and insert "fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00)". WASHUT, CHAIRMAN

**HB0009HW001/ADOPTED**

Page 2-line 5                   After "photo-optical system" insert "or on a social media platform, gaming platform or any other digital communication service".

Page 5-line 18                  After "subsections (d)" delete "and" and insert ","; after (e) insert "and (g)".

Page 6-after line 23        Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(g) A person who occupies a position of authority in relation to the victim and who commits the offense of grooming of a minor for a sexual offense shall:

(i) Except as provided in paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of this subsection, be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), or both;

(ii) If the minor is between twelve (12) and sixteen (16) years of age, be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than twenty (20) years, a fine not to exceed (\$20,000.00), or both;

(iii) If the minor is younger than twelve (12) years of age, be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) years, a fine not to exceed (\$30,000.00), or both.". WYLIE, LARSEN, L, LARSON, JT, THAYER

**HB0009HW002/FAILED**

Page 1-line 3                   After "definitions;" insert "providing exceptions;".

Page 1-line 12                  After "**definitions;**" insert "**exceptions;**".

Page 6-after line 23        Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(g) This section shall not apply to the teaching of bona fide health and safety courses or other educational programs that include sexual health conducted in elementary or secondary public or private schools, in postsecondary public or private schools or in religious organizations. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to exempt a teacher from prosecution if the teacher violates this section or W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304 or 6-2-313 through 6-2-318.". CHESTEK

**HB0009HW003/ADOPTED**

Page 2-line 7                   After "(ii)" insert "Except as provided by W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304 and 6-2-313 through 6-2-318,". BROWN, L, CHESTEK, LIEN

**HB0009HW004/FAILED**

Page 2-line 23                  Delete "Actual or". BROWN, L

**HB0009HW005/ADOPTED**

Page 5-line 8                   Delete "under sixteen".

Page 5-line 9                   Delete "(16) years of age". BROWN, L, CHESTEK, LIEN

**HB0009HW006/ADOPTED**

Page 6-line 3 After "age" insert "but older than twelve (12) years of age". BROWN, L, CHESTEK, LIEN

**HB0009HW007/ADOPTED**

Page 4-line 21 Delete "seventeen (17)" and insert "eighteen (18)". BROWN, L, CHESTEK, LIEN

**HB0009HW008/ADOPTED**

Page 9-line 11 Delete "July 1, 2026" and insert "immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution". BROWN, L

2/11/2026 H COW:Passed

**HB0009H2001/ADOPTED**

Page 2-line 7 After "behavior" insert ", including sending an electronic communication,". WYLIE, LIEN

2/12/2026 H 2nd Reading:Passed

2/13/2026 H 3rd Reading:Passed 61-0-1-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Knapp, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

**Excused:** Representative Kelly

**Ayes** 61    **Nays** 0    **Excused** 1    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/16/2026 S Received for Introduction

2/23/2026 S Introduced and Referred to S01 - Judiciary

2/24/2026 S01 - Judiciary:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Crago, Crum, Hicks, Kolb, Olsen

**Ayes** 5    **Nays** 0    **Excused** 0    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/24/2026 S Placed on General File

**HB0009SS001/ADOPTED**

**(TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Page 2-line 8 Delete entirely.

Page 2-line 9 Delete line through "6-2-318,".

Page 7-line 12 Delete "twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00)" and insert "ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)". OLSEN, CHAIRMAN

2/25/2026 S COW:Passed

**HB0009S2001/ADOPTED**

**(TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Page 5-line 5 Delete "or the minor's parent or".

2/26/2026 S 2nd Reading:Passed  
2/27/2026 S 3rd Reading:Passed 31-0-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Love, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

**Ayes** 31    **Nays** 0    **Excused** 0    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/27/2026 H Received for Concurrence  
2/27/2026 H Concur:Passed 57-0-5-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Knapp, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Yin

**Excused:** Representative(s) Erickson, Johnson, Kelly, Washut, Wylie

**Ayes** 57    **Nays** 0    **Excused** 5    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/27/2026 Assigned Number HEA No. 0012  
3/2/2026 H Speaker Signed HEA No. 0012  
3/2/2026 S President Signed HEA No. 0012  
3/5/2026 Governor Signed HEA No. 0012  
3/5/2026 Assigned Chapter Number 41