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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3655**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing the crime of lewd or lascivious grooming;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **609.3454 LEWD OR LASCIVIOUS GROOMING.**

1.6 A person who is 18 years of age or older and engages in the process of preparing or
1.7 encouraging a child to engage in sexual activity through overtly sexually themed
1.8 communication with the child or in conduct with or observed by the child without permission
1.9 from the child's parent or legal guardian commits lewd or lascivious grooming and may be
1.10 sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 15 years or to a payment of a fine of not more
1.11 than \$30,000, or both.

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2024, and applies to crimes
1.13 committed on or after that date.