



**IOWA HOUSE  
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**BILL SUMMARY**

**Lascivious Conduct  
with a Minor**  
**HF 224**

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Status of Bill: House Calendar  
Committee: Judiciary Committee (19-2)  
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**Bill Summary**

Expands the crime of lascivious conduct with a minor. Under current law it is unlawful for a person that is over 18 and in a position of authority to force, persuade, or coerce a minor, with or without consent, to disrobe or partially disrobe for the purpose of arousing or satisfying the sexual desires of either of them. Under current law this is a serious misdemeanor punishable by up to 1 year in jail and a fine of up to \$1,875.

HF 224 makes it illegal for a person 18 years old or older who is in a position of authority over a minor that is 14 or 15 years of age to do any of the following acts for the purpose of satisfying the sexual desire of either:

- Fondle or touch the inner thigh, groin, buttock, anus, or breast of the minor that is 14 or 15 years old.
- Touch the clothing covering the inner thigh, groin, buttock, anus, or breast of the minor that is 14 or 15 years old.
- Solicit or permit the minor that is 14 or 15 years old to fondle or touch the inner thigh, groin, buttock, anus, or breast of the person.
- Solicit the minor to engage in any act prohibited in the preceding bullets.

A violation of this new crime is a serious misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by up to 1 year of incarceration and a fine of up to \$1,875.

HF 224 also makes it illegal for a person 18 years old or older who is in a position of authority over a minor that is 14 or 15 years of age to do any of the following acts for the purpose of satisfying the sexual desire of either:

- Fondle or touch the pubes or genitals of the minor that is 14 or 15 years old.
- Permit or cause the minor who is 14 or 15 to fondle or touch the person's genitals or pubes.
- Cause the touching of the person's genitals to any part of the body of the minor that is 14 or 15 years old.
- Solicit the minor to engage in a sex act or solicit the person to arrange a sex act with a minor that is 14 or 15 years old.
- Inflict pain or discomfort on the minor that is 14 or 15 years old or permit the minor that is 14 or 15 years old to inflict pain or discomfort on the person.

A violation of this new crime is an aggravated misdemeanor. An aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by up to 2 years of incarceration and a fine of up to \$6,250.

A person that violates these new crimes must register as a sex offender as required by Iowa Code Chapter 692A.