



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB5290

by Rep. Jack D. Franks

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/11-25

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. In the statute concerning grooming, defines "child" as a person under 18 years of age. Provides that the penalty for grooming is a Class 3 (rather than a Class 4) felony if the child is 14 years of age or older or if the person believed by the offender to be a child purports to be 14 years of age or older. Provides that grooming is a Class 2 felony if the child is under 14 years of age or if the person believed by the offender to be a child purports to be under 14 years of age.

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CORRECTIONAL  
BUDGET AND  
IMPACT NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing  
5 Section 11-25 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/11-25)

7 Sec. 11-25. Grooming.

8 (a) A person commits ~~the offense of~~ grooming when he or she  
9 knowingly uses a computer on-line service, Internet service,  
10 local bulletin board service, or any other device capable of  
11 electronic data storage or transmission to seduce, solicit,  
12 lure, or entice, or attempt to seduce, solicit, lure, or  
13 entice, a child, a child's guardian, or another person believed  
14 by the person to be a child or a child's guardian, to commit  
15 any sex offense as defined in Section 2 of the Sex Offender  
16 Registration Act or to otherwise engage in any unlawful sexual  
17 conduct with a child or with another person believed by the  
18 person to be a child.

19 (b) Sentence. Grooming is a Class 3 4 felony if the child  
20 is 14 years of age or older or if the person believed by the  
21 offender to be a child purports to be 14 years of age or older.  
22 Grooming is a Class 2 felony if the child is under 14 years of  
23 age or if the person believed by the offender to be a child

1 purports to be under 14 years of age.

2 (c) As used in this Section, "child" means a person under  
3 18 years of age.

4 (Source: P.A. 95-901, eff. 1-1-09.)