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Bill Analysis

SB 856 defines grooming as it relates to child abuse and provides that a person convicted of grooming a child in the first degree shall be sentenced to life without parole. The measure provides that any act with a minor involving sexual intercourse, a lewd proposal, the showing of lewd material, penetration of the vagina or anus by an inanimate object or any part of the human body not amounting to sexual intercourse, sodomy, or incest shall qualify as grooming. A person convicted of grooming shall be subject to a term of imprisonment with the Department of Corrections not to exceed life without parole or 1 year in the county jail. Such persons shall also be subject to a \$500.00-\$5,000.00 fine. Persons convicted of grooming shall also be subject to a period of supervision after the completion of the sentence under conditions determined by the Department of Corrections.

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