

**UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 255 of 2015**

**552.2701 Definitions.**

Sec. 701. As used in this article:

(a) "Application" means a request under the Convention by an obligee or obligor, or on behalf of a child, made through a central authority for assistance from another central authority.

(b) "Central authority" means the entity designated by the United States or a foreign country described in section 102(e)(iv) to perform the functions specified in the Convention.

(c) "Convention support order" means a support order of a tribunal of a foreign country described in section 102(e)(iv).

(d) "Direct request" means a petition filed by an individual in a tribunal of this state in a proceeding involving an obligee, obligor, or child residing outside the United States.

(e) "Foreign central authority" means the entity designated by a foreign country described in section 102(e)(iv) to perform the functions specified in the Convention.

(f) "Foreign support agreement" means an agreement for support in a record that is enforceable as a support order in the country of origin, has been formally drawn up or registered as an authentic instrument by a foreign tribunal, has been authenticated by, or concluded, registered, or filed with, a foreign tribunal, and may be reviewed and modified by a foreign tribunal. Foreign support agreement includes a maintenance arrangement or authentic instrument under the Convention.

(g) "United States central authority" means the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

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