

UNIFORM CHILD-CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 195 of 2001

722.1102 Definitions.

Sec. 102. As used in this act:

- (a) "Abandoned" means left without provision for reasonable and necessary care or supervision.
- (b) "Child" means an individual who is younger than 18 years of age.
- (c) "Child-custody determination" means a judgment, decree, or other court order providing for legal custody, physical custody, or parenting time with respect to a child. Child-custody determination includes a permanent, temporary, initial, and modification order. Child-custody determination does not include an order relating to child support or other monetary obligation of an individual.
- (d) "Child-custody proceeding" means a proceeding in which legal custody, physical custody, or parenting time with respect to a child is an issue. Child-custody proceeding includes a proceeding for divorce, separate maintenance, separation, neglect, abuse, dependency, guardianship, paternity, termination of parental rights, and protection from domestic violence, in which the issue may appear. Child-custody proceeding does not include a proceeding involving juvenile delinquency, contractual emancipation, or enforcement under article 3.
- (e) "Commencement" means the filing of the first pleading in a proceeding.
- (f) "Court" means an entity authorized under the law of a state to establish, enforce, or modify a child-custody determination.
- (g) "Home state" means the state in which a child lived with a parent or a person acting as a parent for at least 6 consecutive months immediately before the commencement of a child-custody proceeding. In the case of a child less than 6 months of age, the term means the state in which the child lived from birth with a parent or person acting as a parent. A period of temporary absence of a parent or person acting as a parent is included as part of the period.
- (h) "Initial determination" means the first child-custody determination concerning a particular child.
- (i) "Issuing court" means the court that makes a child-custody determination for which enforcement is sought under this act.
- (j) "Issuing state" means the state in which a child-custody determination is made.
- (k) "Modification" means a child-custody determination that changes, replaces, supersedes, or is otherwise made after a previous child-custody determination concerning the same child, whether or not it is made by the court that made the previous child-custody determination.
- (l) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, or government; governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality; public corporation; or any other legal or commercial entity.
- (m) "Person acting as a parent" means a person, other than a parent, who meets both of the following criteria:
 - (i) Has physical custody of the child or has had physical custody for a period of 6 consecutive months, including a temporary absence, within 1 year immediately before the commencement of a child-custody proceeding.
 - (ii) Has been awarded legal custody by a court or claims a right to legal custody under the law of this state.
- (n) "Physical custody" means the physical care and supervision of a child.
- (o) "Register" means to comply with the procedures of section 304 to make a child-custody determination enforceable in this state.
- (p) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or a territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.
- (q) "Tribe" means an Indian tribe or band, or Alaskan native village, that is recognized by federal law or formally acknowledged by a state.
- (r) "Warrant" means a court order authorizing a law enforcement officer to take physical custody of a child.

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