

679.1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

1. *"Approved center"* or *"approved dispute resolution center"* means a center that has applied for and received approval from the executive director under section 679.3.
2. *"Center"* or *"dispute resolution center"* means a program which is organized by one or more governmental subdivisions or nonprofit organizations and which makes informal dispute resolution procedures available.
3. *"Council"* means the prosecuting attorneys training coordination council in the department of justice, established by chapter 13A.
4. *"Dispute resolution process"* or *"informal dispute resolution process"* means a process by which the parties involved in a minor dispute voluntarily agree to enter into informal discussion and negotiation with the assistance of a mediator or member of the center's staff in order to resolve their dispute.
5. *"Executive director"* means the executive director of the prosecuting attorneys training coordination council.
6. *"Mediator"* means a person who assists parties involved in a minor dispute to reach a mutually acceptable resolution of their dispute.

85 Acts, ch 134, §2