

**819A.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Criminal proceeding*” means a criminal action which is pending or is before a court in a state. For purposes of [this subsection](#), a criminal action includes, but is not limited to, a prosecution of a complaint, indictment, or information, and an investigation by a grand jury.

2. “*Penal institution*” means a jail, prison, penitentiary, house of correction, or other place of penal detention which is located in a state and includes, but is not limited to, a city or county jail or detention facility, an institution or facility under the control of the department of corrections, the state training school or other facility under the control of the director of the department of human services, and a facility or electronic monitoring program under the control of a judicial district department of correctional services in this state.

3. “*State*” means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any territory of the United States.

4. “*Witness*” means a person, who is confined in a penal institution in a state, whose testimony is requested in another state in a criminal proceeding.

95 Acts, ch 88, §1