

**12J.2 Definitions.**

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

1. “*Company*” means any business or business entity, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of such business or business entity, that is publicly traded and that is not based in the United States.

2. “*Direct holdings*” in a company means all publicly traded securities of that company that are held directly by the public fund in an actively managed account or fund in which the public fund owns all shares or interests.

3. “*Indirect holdings*” in a company means all securities of that company that are held in an account or fund managed by one or more persons not employed by the public fund, in which the public fund owns shares or interests together with other investors not subject to the provisions of [this chapter](#). Indirect holdings include but are not limited to mutual funds, fund of funds, index funds, private equity funds, hedge funds, and real estate funds.

4. “*Public entity*” means the state, political subdivisions of the state, public school corporations, and all public officers, boards, commissions, departments, agencies, and authorities empowered by law to enter into public contracts for the expenditure of public funds, including the state board of regents and institutions under the control of the state board of regents.

5. “*Public fund*” means the treasurer of state, the state board of regents, the public safety peace officers’ retirement system created in [chapter 97A](#), the Iowa public employees’ retirement system created in [chapter 97B](#), the statewide fire and police retirement system created in [chapter 411](#), or the judicial retirement system created in [chapter 602](#).

6. “*Scrutinized company*” means any company that publicly states it is participating in a boycott of Israel.

[2016 Acts, ch 1102, §2](#); [2022 Acts, ch 1009, §1](#)