

135.108 Definitions.

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

1. “*Committee*” or “*review committee*” means the state mortality review committee established in [section 135.43](#).

2. “*Department*” means the department of health and human services.

3. “*Director*” means the director of health and human services.

4. “*Domestic abuse death*” means a homicide or suicide that involves or is a result of an assault as defined in [section 708.1](#) and to which any of the following circumstances apply to the parties involved:

a. The alleged or convicted perpetrator is related to the decedent as spouse, separated spouse, or former spouse.

b. The alleged or convicted perpetrator resided with the decedent at the time of the assault that resulted in the homicide or suicide.

c. The alleged or convicted perpetrator and the decedent resided together in the past but did not reside together at the time of the assault that resulted in the homicide or suicide.

d. The alleged or convicted perpetrator and decedent are parents of the same minor child, whether they were married or lived together at any time.

e. The alleged or convicted perpetrator was in an ongoing personal relationship with the decedent.

f. The alleged or convicted perpetrator was arrested for or convicted of stalking or harassing the decedent, or an order or court-approved agreement was entered against the perpetrator under [chapter 232](#), [236](#), [598](#), or [915](#) to restrict contact by the perpetrator with the decedent.

g. The decedent was related by blood or affinity to an individual who lived in the same household with or was in the workplace or proximity of the decedent, and that individual was threatened with assault by the perpetrator.

[2000 Acts, ch 1136, §1](#); [2019 Acts, ch 24, §104](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §147](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1170, §219, 220](#)

Referred to in [§135.112](#)

NEW subsection 1 and former subsections 1 – 3 renumbered as 2 – 4

Former subsection 4 stricken