

135A.2 Definitions.

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

1. “*Academic institution*” means an institution of higher education in the state which grants degrees in public health or another health-related field and is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency as determined by the United States secretary of education. For purposes of this definition, “*accredited*” means a certification of the quality of an institution of higher education.

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

3. “*Designated local public health agency*” means an entity that is either governed by or contractually responsible to a local board of health and designated by the local board.

4. “*Governmental public health system*” means local boards of health, the council on health and human services, designated local public health agencies, the state hygienic laboratory, and the department.

5. “*Local board of health*” means the same as defined in [section 137.102](#).

6. “*Organizational capacity*” means the governmental public health infrastructure that must be in place in order to deliver public health services.

7. “*Public health system*” means all public, private, and voluntary entities that contribute to the delivery of public health services within a jurisdiction.

[2009 Acts, ch 182, §116, 126](#); [2016 Acts, ch 1026, §1](#); [2017 Acts, ch 148, §25](#); [2019 Acts, ch 85, §72](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §160](#)