

225C.2 Definitions.

As used in [this chapter](#):

1. “*Child*” or “*children*” means a person or persons under eighteen years of age.
2. “*Children’s behavioral health services*” means services for children with a serious emotional disturbance.
3. “*Children’s behavioral health system*” or “*children’s system*” means the behavioral health service system for children implemented pursuant to [this subchapter](#).
4. “*Commission*” means the mental health and disability services commission.
5. “*Council*” means the council on health and human services.
6. “*Department*” means the department of health and human services.
7. “*Director*” means the director of health and human services.
8. “*Disability services*” means services and other support available to a person with mental illness, an intellectual disability or other developmental disability, or brain injury.
9. “*Mental health and disability services region*” means a mental health and disability services region formed in accordance with [section 225C.56](#).
10. “*Mental health and disability services regional service system*” means the mental health and disability service system for a mental health and disability services region.
11. “*Regional administrator*” means the same as defined in [section 225C.55](#).
12. “*Serious emotional disturbance*” means a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria specified within the most current diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders published by the American psychiatric association that results in a functional impairment. “*Serious emotional disturbance*” does not include substance use or developmental disorders unless those disorders co-occur with such a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder.
13. “*State board*” means the children’s behavioral health system state board created in [section 225C.51](#).*

[S81, §225C.1; 81 Acts, ch 78, §2, 20; 82 Acts, ch 1117, §1, 2]

83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 94 Acts, ch 1170, §11; 96 Acts, ch 1183, §12; 2004 Acts, ch 1090, §4, 33; 2006 Acts, ch 1115, §3, 24; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §382; 2012 Acts, ch 1019, §61; 2012 Acts, ch 1120, §1, 20, 21; 2015 Acts, ch 69, §32; 2019 Acts, ch 61, §1, 2; 2020 Acts, ch 1063, §82; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §448

Referred to in [§225C.55](#), [230A.102](#)

*Section 225C.51 repealed by 2024 Acts, ch 1170, §431; corrective legislation is pending