

**252F.1 Definitions.**

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

1. “*Child*” means a person who is less than age eighteen or a person who is age eighteen but less than age nineteen and is engaged full-time in completing high school graduation or equivalency requirements in a manner which is reasonably expected to result in completion of the requirements prior to the person reaching age nineteen.
2. “*Child support services*” means the same as child support services created in [section 252B.2](#).
3. “*Department*” means the department of health and human services.
4. “*Director*” means the director of health and human services.
5. “*Mother*” means a mother of the child for whom paternity is being established.
6. “*Party*” means a putative father or a mother, as named in an action.
7. “*Paternity is at issue*” means any of the following conditions:
  - a. A child was not born or conceived within marriage.
  - b. A child was born or conceived within marriage but a court has declared that the child is not the issue of the marriage.
8. “*Paternity test*” means and includes any form of blood, tissue, or genetic testing administered to determine the biological father of a child.
9. “*Putative father*” means a person alleged to be the biological father of a child.  
[93 Acts, ch 79, §14; 94 Acts, ch 1171, §31; 2006 Acts, ch 1016, §12; 2007 Acts, ch 218, §168, 187; 2008 Acts, ch 1019, §18, 20; 2010 Acts, ch 1142, §2; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §904](#)