

**8A.101 Definitions.**

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

1. “Agency” or “state agency” means a unit of state government, which is an authority, board, commission, committee, council, department, or independent agency as defined in [section 7E.4](#), including but not limited to each principal central department enumerated in [section 7E.5](#). However, “agency” or “state agency” does not mean any of the following:

a. The office of the governor or the office of an elective constitutional or statutory officer.  
b. The general assembly, or any office or unit under its administrative authority.  
c. The judicial branch, as provided in [section 602.1102](#).  
d. A political subdivision of the state or its offices or units, including but not limited to a county, city, or community college.

2. “Department” means the department of administrative services.

3. “Director” means the director of the department of administrative services or the director’s designee.

4. “Governmental entity” means any unit of government in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of government; an agency or political subdivision; any unit of another state government, including its political subdivisions; any unit of the United States government; or any association or other organization whose membership consists primarily of one or more of any of the foregoing.

5. “Governmental subdivision” means a county, city, school district, or combination thereof.

6. “Public records” means the same as defined in [section 22.1](#).  
[2003 Acts, ch 145, §1](#); [2007 Acts, ch 10, §4](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1031, §8](#); [2013 Acts, ch 129, §1](#);  
[2024 Acts, ch 1185, §88](#)

Referred to in [§15.106E](#), [16.5E](#), [25A.1](#), [28M.1](#), [185.34](#), [262.9B](#)