

351—6.2(68B) Definitions. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

“Agency of state government” or *“state agency”* includes any authority, board, bureau, commission, community college, department, division, office of a statewide elected official, or regents university within the executive branch of the State of Iowa.

“Candidate for statewide office” means a candidate for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, secretary of agriculture, or attorney general.

“Employee” means an individual who is a paid employee of any agency of state government. *“Employee”* includes an individual employed in an interim or acting capacity. *“Employee”* does not include an official or an independent contractor.

“Official” means a statewide elected official, an executive or administrative head or heads of a state agency, a deputy executive or administrative head or heads of a state agency, a member of a board or commission as defined under Iowa Code section 7E.4, or a head of a major subunit of a state agency whose position involves a substantial exercise of administrative discretion or the expenditure of public funds. *“Official”* includes an individual serving in an interim or acting capacity.

“State duties” includes the official duties, responsibilities, or activities of an official or employee that are mandated by law, rule, or court order or that otherwise lawfully aid an agency of state government in carrying out the statutory functions of the agency.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 68B.2.

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