

**141—2.1 (2C) Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

*“Administrative action”* means any action, decision, omission, policy, practice, procedure, or rule of an agency or any failure of an agency to act pursuant to law.

*“Agency”* means all governmental entities, departments, boards, commissions, councils or institutions, and any officer, employee or member thereof acting or purporting to act in the exercise of official duties. *“Agency”* includes any person providing child welfare or juvenile justice services under contract with an agency that is subject to investigation by the ombudsman. *“Agency”* does not include:

1. Any court or judge or appurtenant judicial staff;
2. The members, committees, or permanent or temporary staffs of the Iowa general assembly;
3. The governor of Iowa or the governor’s personal staff;
4. Any instrumentality formed pursuant to an interstate compact and answerable to more than one state; and
5. Any agency, official or employee of the federal government.

*“Employee”* means any employee of any agency.

*“Officer”* means any officer of any agency.

*“Person”* means an individual, aggregate of individuals, corporation, partnership, or unincorporated association.

*“Records”* or *“documents”* means any writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, phonorecords, audio recordings, video recordings, and any other data or information stored or preserved in any medium.

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