

**236A.2 Definitions.**

For purposes of [this chapter](#), unless a different meaning is clearly indicated by the context:

1. “*Department*” means the department of justice.
2. “*Emergency shelter services*” include but are not limited to secure crisis shelters or housing for victims of sexual abuse.
3. “*Plaintiff*” includes a person filing an action on behalf of an unemancipated minor.
4. “*Pro se*” means proceeding on one’s own behalf without legal representation.
5. “*Sexual abuse*” means any commission of a crime defined in [chapter 709](#) or [section 726.2](#) or [728.12](#). “*Sexual abuse*” also means any commission of a crime in another jurisdiction under a statute that is substantially similar to any crime defined in [chapter 709](#) or [section 726.2](#) or [728.12](#).
6. “*Support services*” include but are not limited to legal services, counseling services, transportation services, child care services, and advocacy services.

[2017 Acts, ch 121, §5](#)

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