598C.102 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Adult" means an individual who has attained eighteen years of age or is an emancipated minor.
- 2. "Caretaking authority" means the right to live with and care for a child on a day-to-day basis. "Caretaking authority" relative to a child includes physical custody, parenting time, right to access, and visitation.
 - 3. "Child" means any of the following:
 - a. An unemancipated individual who has not attained eighteen years of age.
- b. An adult son or daughter by birth or adoption, or under a law of this state other than this chapter, who is the subject of a court order concerning custodial responsibility.
- 4. "Close and substantial relationship" means a relationship in which a significant bond exists between a child and a nonparent.
- 5. "Court" means a tribunal, including an administrative agency, authorized under a law of this state other than this chapter to make, enforce, or modify a decision regarding custodial responsibility.
- 6. "Custodial responsibility" includes all powers and duties relating to caretaking authority and decision-making authority for a child. "Custodial responsibility" includes physical custody, legal custody, parenting time, right to access, visitation, and authority to grant limited contact with a child.
- 7. "Decision-making authority" means the power to make important decisions regarding a child, including decisions regarding the child's education, religious training, health care, extracurricular activities, and travel. "Decision-making authority" does not include the power to make decisions that necessarily accompany a grant of caretaking authority.
- 8. "Deploying parent" means a service member who is deployed or has been notified of impending deployment and is any of the following:
 - a. A parent of a child under a law of this state other than this chapter.
- b. An individual who has custodial responsibility for a child under a law of this state other than this chapter.
- 9. "Deployment" means the movement or mobilization of a service member for more than ninety days but less than eighteen months pursuant to uniformed service orders that meet any of the following conditions:
 - a. Are designated as unaccompanied.
 - b. Do not authorize dependent travel.
- c. Otherwise do not permit the movement of family members to the location to which the service member is deployed.
- 10. "Family member" means a sibling, aunt, uncle, cousin, stepparent, or grandparent of a child or an individual recognized to be in a familial relationship with a child under a law of this state other than this chapter.
- 11. "Limited contact" means the authority of a nonparent to visit a child for a limited time. "Limited contact" includes authority to take the child to a place other than the residence of the child.
 - 12. "Nonparent" means an individual other than a deploying parent or other parent.
- 13. "Other parent" means an individual who, in common with a deploying parent, is one of the following:
 - α. A parent of a child under a law of this state other than this chapter.
- b. An individual who has custodial responsibility for a child under a law of this state other than this chapter.
- 14. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- 15. "Return from deployment" means the conclusion of a service member's deployment as specified in uniformed service orders, less any terminal, medical, or annual leave authorized to the service member.
 - 16. "Service member" means a member of a uniformed service.
 - 17. "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt a record, to execute or adopt

a tangible symbol or to attach to or logically associate with the record an electronic symbol, sound, or process.

- 18. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.
 - 19. "Uniformed service" means any of the following:
- a. Active and reserve components of the army, navy, air force, marine corps, or coast guard of the United States; the United States merchant marine; the commissioned corps of the United States public health service; or the commissioned corps of the national oceanic and atmospheric administration of the United States.
- b. The national guard of a state, whether or not activation or performance of duties is pursuant to federal or to state authority.

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