

Article - Family Law

TITLE 9.5. MARYLAND UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT.

SUBTITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

9.5-101.

(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ABANDONED" MEANS LEFT WITHOUT PROVISION FOR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY CARE OR SUPERVISION.

(C) "CHILD" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS.

(D) (1) "CHILD CUSTODY DETERMINATION" MEANS A JUDGMENT, DECREE, OR OTHER ORDER OF A COURT PROVIDING FOR THE LEGAL CUSTODY, PHYSICAL CUSTODY, OR VISITATION WITH RESPECT TO A CHILD.

(2) "CHILD CUSTODY DETERMINATION" INCLUDES A PERMANENT, TEMPORARY, INITIAL, AND MODIFICATION ORDER.

(3) "CHILD CUSTODY DETERMINATION" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ORDER RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT OR OTHER MONETARY OBLIGATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

(E) (1) "CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING" MEANS A PROCEEDING IN WHICH LEGAL CUSTODY, PHYSICAL CUSTODY, OR VISITATION WITH RESPECT TO A CHILD IS AN ISSUE.

(2) "CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING" INCLUDES A PROCEEDING FOR DIVORCE, SEPARATION, NEGLECT, ABUSE, DEPENDENCY, GUARDIANSHIP, PATERNITY, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, ~~ADOPTION~~, AND PROTECTION FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, IN WHICH THE ISSUE MAY APPEAR.

(3) "CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING" DOES NOT INCLUDE A PROCEEDING INVOLVING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, CONTRACTUAL EMANCIPATION, OR ENFORCEMENT UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS TITLE.

(F) "COMMENCEMENT" MEANS THE FILING OF THE FIRST PLEADING IN A PROCEEDING.

(G) "COURT" MEANS AN ENTITY AUTHORIZED UNDER THE LAW OF A STATE TO ESTABLISH, ENFORCE, OR MODIFY A CHILD CUSTODY DETERMINATION.

(H) "HOME STATE" MEANS:

(1) THE STATE IN WHICH A CHILD LIVED WITH A PARENT OR A PERSON ACTING AS A PARENT FOR AT LEAST 6 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, INCLUDING ANY TEMPORARY ABSENCE, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF A CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING; AND