

THE CHILD;

(5) DETER ABDUCTIONS AND OTHER UNILATERAL REMOVALS OF CHILDREN UNDERTAKEN TO OBTAIN CUSTODY AWARDS;

(6) AVOID RE-LITIGATION OF CUSTODY DECISIONS OF OTHER STATES IN THIS STATE INSOFAR AS FEASIBLE;

(7) FACILITATE THE ENFORCEMENT OF CUSTODY DECREES OF OTHER STATES;

(8) PROMOTE AND EXPAND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND OTHER FORMS OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE COURTS OF THIS STATE AND THOSE OF OTHER STATES CONCERNED WITH THE SAME CHILD; AND

(9) MAKE UNIFORM THE LAW OF THOSE STATES WHICH ENACT IT.

(B) THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL PURPOSES STATED IN THIS SECTION.

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(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

(1) "CONTESTANT" MEANS A PERSON, INCLUDING A PARENT, WHO CLAIMS A RIGHT TO CUSTODY OR VISITATION RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO A CHILD.

(2) "CUSTODY DETERMINATION" MEANS A COURT DECISION AND COURT ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDING FOR THE CUSTODY OF A CHILD, INCLUDING VISITATION RIGHTS; IT DOES NOT INCLUDE A DECISION RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT OR ANY OTHER MONETARY OBLIGATION OF ANY PERSON.

(3) "CUSTODY PROCEEDING" INCLUDES PROCEEDINGS IN WHICH A CUSTODY DETERMINATION IS ONE OF SEVERAL ISSUES, SUCH AS AN ACTION FOR DIVORCE OR SEPARATION, AND INCLUDES CHILD NEGLECT AND DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS.

(4) "DECREE" OR "CUSTODY DECREE" MEANS A CUSTODY DETERMINATION CONTAINED IN A JUDICIAL DECREE OR ORDER MADE IN A CUSTODY PROCEEDING, AND INCLUDES AN INITIAL DECREE AND A MODIFICATION DECREE.

(5) "HOME STATE" MEANS THE STATE IN WHICH THE CHILD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE TIME INVOLVED LIVED WITH HIS PARENTS, A PARENT, OR A PERSON ACTING AS PARENT, FOR AT LEAST 6 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, AND IN THE CASE OF A CHILD LESS THAN 6 MONTHS OLD THE STATE IN WHICH THE CHILD