

"Includes" § 1-101 "Initial decree" § 9-201  
"Modification decree" § 9-201

(F) HOME STATE.

"HOME STATE" MEANS THE STATE IN WHICH THE CHILD, IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE TIME INVOLVED, LIVED WITH THE CHILD'S 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 LIVED FROM BIRTH WITH ANY OF THE PERSONS MENTIONED. PERIODS OF TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF ANY OF THE NAMED PERSONS ARE COUNTED AS PART OF THE 6-MONTH OR OTHER PERIOD.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Article 16, § 185(5).

In this subsection, the words "the child's" are substituted for the former word "his" in light of Article 40, § 53C of the Code, which calls for "the use of words that are neutral as to gender".

No other changes are made.

Defined terms: "Person acting as parent" § 9-201  
"State" § 1-101

(G) INITIAL DECREE.

"INITIAL DECREE" MEANS THE FIRST CUSTODY DECREE CONCERNING A PARTICULAR CHILD.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Article 16, § 185(6).

No changes are made.

Defined term: "Custody decree" § 9-201

(H) MODIFICATION DECREE.

"MODIFICATION DECREE" MEANS A CUSTODY DECREE THAT MODIFIES OR REPLACES A PRIOR DECREE, WHETHER MADE BY THE COURT THAT RENDERED THE PRIOR DECREE OR BY ANOTHER COURT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Article 16, § 185(7).

The only changes are in style.

Defined term: "Decree" or "Custody decree" § 9-201

(I) PHYSICAL CUSTODY.

"PHYSICAL CUSTODY" MEANS ACTUAL POSSESSION AND CONTROL OF A CHILD.