

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Article 16, § 185(8).

No changes are made.

(J) PERSON ACTING AS PARENT.

"PERSON ACTING AS PARENT" MEANS A PERSON, OTHER THAN A PARENT, WHO HAS PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF A CHILD AND WHO HAS EITHER BEEN AWARDED CUSTODY BY A COURT OR CLAIMS A RIGHT TO CUSTODY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly appeared as Article 16, § 185(9).

No changes are made.

Defined term: "Physical custody" § 9-201

REVISOR'S NOTE TO SECTION: Former Article 16, § 185(10), which defined "state", is deleted as unnecessary in light of the definition of "state" in § 1-101 of this article.

9-202. PURPOSE AND CONSTRUCTION OF SUBTITLE.

(A) GENERAL PURPOSES.

THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE TO:

(1) AVOID JURISDICTIONAL COMPETITION AND CONFLICT WITH COURTS OF OTHER STATES IN MATTERS OF CHILD CUSTODY WHICH HAVE IN THE PAST RESULTED IN THE SHIFTING OF CHILDREN FROM STATE TO STATE WITH HARMFUL EFFECTS ON THEIR WELL-BEING;

(2) PROMOTE COOPERATION WITH THE COURTS OF OTHER STATES TO THE END THAT A CUSTODY DECREE IS RENDERED IN THAT STATE WHICH CAN BEST DECIDE THE CASE IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHILD;

(3) ASSURE THAT LITIGATION CONCERNING THE CUSTODY OF A CHILD TAKES PLACE ORDINARILY IN THE STATE WITH WHICH THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S FAMILY HAVE THE CLOSEST CONNECTION AND WHERE SIGNIFICANT EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE CHILD'S CARE, PROTECTION, TRAINING, AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS IS MOST READILY AVAILABLE, AND THAT COURTS OF THIS STATE DECLINE THE EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION WHEN THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S FAMILY HAVE A CLOSER CONNECTION WITH ANOTHER STATE;

(4) DISCOURAGE CONTINUING CONTROVERSIES OVER CHILD CUSTODY IN THE INTEREST OF GREATER STABILITY OF HOME ENVIRONMENT AND OF SECURE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS FOR THE CHILD;

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