

**UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 310 of 1996**

**552.1104 Definitions; R to T.**

Sec. 104. As used in this act:

- (a) “Register” means to file a support order or judgment determining parentage in the circuit court.
- (b) “Registering tribunal” means a tribunal in which a support order is registered.
- (c) “Responding state” means a state in which a proceeding is filed or to which a proceeding is forwarded for filing from an initiating state under this act or a law or procedure substantially similar to this act, the uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, or the revised uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, 1952 PA 8, MCL 780.151 to 780.183.
- (d) “Responding tribunal” means the authorized tribunal in a responding state.
- (e) “Spousal support order” means a support order for an obligor's spouse or former spouse.
- (f) “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. State includes an Indian tribe and a foreign jurisdiction that has enacted a law or established procedures for issuance and enforcement of support orders that are substantially similar to the procedures under this act, the uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, or the revised uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, 1952 PA 8, MCL 780.151 to 780.183.
- (g) “Support enforcement act” means this act, the uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, the revised uniform reciprocal enforcement of support act, 1952 PA 8, MCL 780.151 to 780.183, or another act substantially similar to 1 of those acts that is in effect in this or another state. Support enforcement act includes a former act substantially similar to an act described in this subdivision under which an order was issued or proceeding initiated, which order or proceeding remains operative.
- (h) “Support enforcement agency” means a public official or agency authorized to seek any of the following:
  - (i) Enforcement of support orders or laws relating to the duty of support.
  - (ii) Establishment or modification of child support.
  - (iii) Determination of parentage.
  - (iv) Location of obligors or their assets.
- (i) “Support order” means a judgment, decree, or order, whether temporary, final, or subject to modification, for the benefit of a child, spouse, or former spouse that provides for monetary support, health care, arrearages, or reimbursement and may include related costs and fees, interest, income withholding, attorney fees, and other relief.
- (j) “Tribunal” means a court, administrative agency, or quasi-judicial entity authorized to establish, enforce, or modify support orders or determine parentage.

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