

**§ 50A-412. Definitions.**

In this Article, the following definitions apply:

- (1) Abduction. – The wrongful removal or wrongful retention of a child.
- (2) Child. – Defined in G.S. 50A-102.
- (3) Child-custody determination. – Defined in G.S. 50A-102.
- (4) Child-custody proceeding. – Defined in G.S. 50A-102.
- (5) Court. – Defined in G.S. 50A-102.
- (6) Petition. – Includes a motion or its equivalent.
- (7) Record. – Information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- (8) State. – Consists of the following:
  - a. 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.
  - b. An Indian tribe or band or Alaskan native village that is recognized by federal law or formally acknowledged by an entity listed in sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision.
- (9) Travel documents. – Records relating to a travel itinerary, including travel tickets, passes, reservations for transportation, or accommodations. The term does not include a passport or visa.
- (10) Wrongful removal. – The taking of a child that breaches rights of custody or visitation given or recognized under the law of this State.
- (11) Wrongful retention. – The keeping or concealing of a child that breaches rights of custody or visitation given or recognized under the law of this State. (2025-25, s. 45(b).)