



CHAPTER 50A
ARTICLE 4 - UNIFORM CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT

N.C.G.S. § 50A-412.

Definitions.

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In this Article, the following definitions apply:

Abduction. - The wrongful removal or wrongful retention of a child.

Child. - Defined in G.S. 50A-102.

Child-custody determination. - Defined in G.S. 50A-102.

Child-custody proceeding. - Defined in G.S. 50A-102.

Court. - Defined in G.S. 50A-102.

Petition. - Includes a motion or its equivalent.

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.

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.

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.

Wrongful removal. - The taking of a child that breaches rights of custody or visitation given or recognized under the law of this State.

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).)

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1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 50A-102	(null)(2)	"Child. - Defined in"

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Citation

FULL SECTION

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