

**FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SERVICES ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 203 of 1994**

**722.952 Definitions.**

Sec. 2.

As used in this act:

- (a) "Adoptee" means a child who is to be adopted or who is adopted.
- (b) "Adoption attorney" means that term as defined in section 22 of the adoption code, MCL 710.22.
- (c) "Adoption code" means the Michigan adoption code, chapter X of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.21 to 710.70.
- (d) "Adoption facilitator" means a child placing agency or an adoption attorney.
- (e) "Adoptive parent" means the parent or parents who adopt a child in accordance with the adoption code.
- (f) "Agency placement" means that term as defined in section 22 of the adoption code, MCL 710.22.
- (g) "Child placing agency" means that term as defined in section 1 of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111.
- (h) "Department" means the department of health and human services.
- (i) "Direct placement" means that term as defined in section 22 of the adoption code, MCL 710.22.
- (j) "Foster care" means a child's placement outside the child's parental home by and under the supervision of a child placing agency, the court, or the department. Foster care does not include the delegation of a parent's or guardian's powers regarding care, custody, or property of a child or ward under a properly executed power of attorney under the safe families for children act.
- (k) "Preplacement assessment" means an assessment of a prospective adoptive parent as described in section 23f of the adoption code, MCL 710.23f.
- (l) "Sibling" means a child who is related through birth or adoption by at least 1 common parent. Sibling includes that term as defined by the American Indian or Alaskan native child's tribal code or custom.
- (m) "Supervising agency" means the department if a child is placed in the department's care for foster care, or a child placing agency in whose care a child is placed for foster care.

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