

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (EXCERPT)
Act 389 of 1978

400.1501 Definitions.

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

- (a) "Board" means the domestic violence prevention and treatment board created in section 2.
- (b) "Dating relationship" means frequent, intimate associations primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional involvement. Dating relationship does not include a casual relationship or an ordinary fraternization between 2 individuals in a business or social context.
- (c) "Department" means the family independence agency.
- (d) "Domestic violence" means the occurrence of any of the following acts by a person that is not an act of self-defense:
 - (i) Causing or attempting to cause physical or mental harm to a family or household member.
 - (ii) Placing a family or household member in fear of physical or mental harm.
 - (iii) Causing or attempting to cause a family or household member to engage in involuntary sexual activity by force, threat of force, or duress.
 - (iv) Engaging in activity toward a family or household member that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested.
- (e) "Family or household member" includes any of the following:
 - (i) A spouse or former spouse.
 - (ii) An individual with whom the person resides or has resided.
 - (iii) An individual with whom the person has or has had a dating relationship.
 - (iv) An individual with whom the person is or has engaged in a sexual relationship.
 - (v) An individual to whom the person is related or was formerly related by marriage.
 - (vi) An individual with whom the person has a child in common.
 - (vii) The minor child of an individual described in subparagraphs (i) to (vi).
- (f) "Fund" means the domestic violence prevention and treatment fund created in section 5.
- (g) "Prime sponsor" means a county, city, village, or township of this state, or a combination thereof, or a private, nonprofit association or organization.

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