

THE PATERNITY ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 205 of 1956

722.711 Definitions.

Sec. 1.

As used in this act:

- (a) "Child born out of wedlock" means a child begotten and born to a woman who was not married from the conception to the date of birth of the child, or a child that the court has determined to be a child born or conceived during a marriage but not the issue of that marriage.
- (b) "Child" means a child born out of wedlock.
- (c) "Court" means the circuit court.
- (d) "Department" means the department of health and human services.
- (e) "Director" means the director of the department.
- (f) "DNA identification profile" means the results of the DNA identification profiling of genetic testing material.
- (g) "DNA identification profiling" means a validated scientific method of analyzing components of deoxyribonucleic acid molecules in a sample of genetic testing material to identify the pattern of the components' chemical structure that is unique to the individual.
- (h) "Genetic testing material" means a sample of an individual's blood, saliva, or tissue collected from the individual that is used for genetic paternity testing conducted under this act.
- (i) "Mother" means the mother of a child born out of wedlock.
- (j) "State disbursement unit" or "SDU" means the entity established in section 6 of the office of child support act, 1971 PA 174, MCL 400.236.
- (k) "Summary report" means a written summary of the DNA identification profile that includes only the following information:
 - (i) The court case number, if applicable, the laboratory case number or identification number, and the department case number.
 - (ii) The mother's name and race.
 - (iii) The child's name.
 - (iv) The alleged father's name and race.
 - (v) The collection dates and identification numbers of the genetic testing material.
 - (vi) The cumulative paternity index.
 - (vii) The probability of paternity.
 - (viii) The conclusion as to whether the alleged father can or cannot be excluded as the biological father.
 - (ix) The name, address, and telephone number of the contracting laboratory.
 - (x) The name of the individual certifying the report.

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