**§1802. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

**1. Grandparent.**  "Grandparent" is a parent of a child's parent or the parent of the parent of a child's parent. "Grandparent" includes a parent of a child's parent whose parental rights have been terminated pursuant to Title 18‑C, section 9‑204 or Title 22, chapter 1071, subchapter 6, but only until the child's adoption.

[PL 2019, c. 197, §2 (AMD); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

**2. Sufficient existing relationship.**  "Sufficient existing relationship" means a relationship involving extraordinary contact between a grandparent and a child, including but not limited to circumstances in which the grandparent has been a primary caregiver and custodian of the child for a significant period of time.

[PL 2017, c. 328, §1 (NEW).]

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