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71-10-1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Active duty" means active military duty and does not include active duty for training, initial active duty for training, or inactive duty for training.
- (2) "Government entity" means the state, any county, municipality, local district, special service district, or any other political subdivision or administrative unit of the state, including state institutions of education.
- (3) "Preference eligible" means:
 - (a) any individual who has served on active duty in the armed forces for more than 180 consecutive days, or was a member of a reserve component who served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign medal has been authorized and who has been separated under honorable conditions;
 - (b) a veteran with a disability, regardless of the percentage of disability;
 - (c) the spouse or unmarried widow or widower of a veteran;
 - (d) a purple heart recipient; or
 - (e) a retired member of the armed forces who retired below the rank of major or its equivalent.
- (4) "Veteran" means:
 - (a) an individual who has served on active duty in the armed forces for more than 180 consecutive days, or was a member of a reserve component who served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign medal has been authorized and who has been separated or retired under honorable conditions; or
 - (b) any individual incurring an actual service-related injury or disability in the line of duty whether or not that person completed 180 consecutive days of active duty.
- (5) "Veteran with a disability" means an individual who has:
 - (a) been separated or retired from the armed forces under honorable conditions; and
 - (b) established the existence of a service-connected disability or is receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension because of a public statute administered by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs or a military department.