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Brief Description: Clarifying the definition of "research."

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Declares that "research" means a systematic investigation, including research development, testing, and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. Activities that meet this definition are research whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program that is considered research for other purposes. For example, some demonstration and service programs may include research activities.

Declares that this definition excludes methods of record analysis and data collection that are subjective, do not permit replication, and are not designed to yield reliable and valid results.

Declares that "research in the jurisdiction of a state agency" means: (1) Research conducted by an employee or a contractor of a state agency;

(2) Research sponsored by a state agency; or

(3) Research that involves access to or disclosure of identifiable personal records obtained or maintained by a state agency.