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The Honorable Shirley R. Hinson  
Member, House of Representatives  
106 Kenton Place  
Goose Creek, South Carolina 29445

**RE: Informal Opinion**

Dear Representative Hinson:

Your opinion request has been forwarded to me for reply. You have asked whether a member of the House of Representatives may serve as a substitute teacher in the state's public school system without contravening any provisions of the South Carolina Constitution or state law.

In several prior opinions of this Office, we have addressed the question of whether a member of the General Assembly may simultaneously serve as a teacher, principal or other school district employee. See Ops. Atty. Gen. dated January 30, 1997, July 17, 1984, and March 11, 1976 as examples of these opinions. In all of these opinions, this Office concluded that there are neither statutory nor constitutional prohibitions against such service. Accordingly, nothing in the law prohibits a member of the House of Representatives from serving as a substitute teacher in the state's public school system.

This letter is an informal opinion only. It has been written by a designated assistant attorney general and represents the position of the undersigned attorney as to the specific questions asked. It has not, however, been personally scrutinized by the Attorney General nor officially published in the manner of a formal opinion.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul M. Koch".

Paul M. Koch  
Assistant Attorney General