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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the status of the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse and whether it is an 'employer' within the meaning of [§ 9-1-10\(5\)](#), 1976 Code of Laws.

The Commission was created by Act R385 of 1975. Its members are appointed by the Governor and its function is to develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the prevention and control of alcohol and drug abuse in the three counties composing the Commission. It appears to be a body corporate and politic with authority to take all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in § 4 of the above act.

Based on the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse is a political subdivision of the state and an 'employer' within the meaning of [§ 9-1-10\(5\)](#).

Sincerely yours,

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