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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the Piedmont Multi-County Mental Retardation Board, and whether it is an 'employer' within the meaning of South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 9-1-10(5).

The Board was created pursuant to Act No. 1127 of 1974. Its members are appointed by the Governor and its function is to provide, coordinate and improve community services for mentally retarded persons. The Board has been vested with the powers to enter into contracts, make binding agreements, and generally take such actions in its name as are necessary to accomplish the purposes described in Section 1 of the aforesaid Act.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the Piedmont Multi-County Mental Retardation Board is a political subdivision of the State and an 'employer' within the meaning of [Code Section 9-1-10\(5\)](#). See also the opinion of this Office issued on November 8, 1978 to the same effect.

Sincerely yours,

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