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State of South Carolina

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\*1 Honorable Mary D. McDonald  
Chairman  
South Carolina Department of Social Services  
Winnsboro, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. McDonald:

You have inquired with respect to the powers vested in the State Reorganization Commission, with particular respect to the existence of subpoena power.

I advise that the Reorganization Commission possesses extensive authority to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses, as well as the production of documents and the full examination of books, papers and other documents which it deems relevant to an examination or investigation. The word 'subpoena' does not appear in the statute but the Commission is authorized to issue orders or notices to accomplish the above procedures and to punish for contempt any failure or refusal to comply with its notices or orders.

These extensive powers clearly vest in the Commission authority to perform its statutory duties and to enforce compliance with orders or notices which it may issue.

If there is any further question with regard to this, please feel free to call upon me.

With best wishes,  
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod  
Attorney General

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