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Dear Chief Stewart:

In a letter to this Office you referenced that SLED anticipates collecting additional revenue in the next fiscal year to be used to employ contractual private security services at the State House and adjacent State facilities. You noted that pursuant to Section 23-3-30 of the Code "all security personnel employed by the State, other than at correctional institutions, shall be under the direct supervision of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division." Also, pursuant to Sections 40-17-10 et seq. of the Code SLED is charged with regulating the private security business. You asked specifically whether the dual role of SLED as regulator and employer of a private security business would constitute any prohibited relationship or conflict of interest.

This Office is not aware of any prohibition in the situation referenced above whereby SLED would employ a private security business which it regulates. Of course, during the course of the relationship, no special conditions or advantages should occur or be made available to the private security business as employee or as the regulated business because of the dual role of SLED. Also, I am assuming that in employing the private security business none of the State Ethics Act provisions, Sections 8-13-410 et seq. of the Code, would be at issue.

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If there is anything further, please advise.

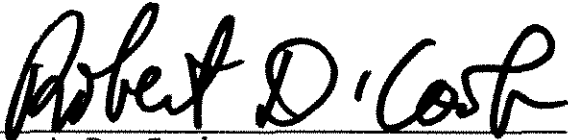
Sincerely,



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