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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 Fairfield County Mental Retardation Board, and whether it is an 'employer' within the meaning of South Carolina Code of Laws, § 9-1-10(5).

The Board was created by County Ordinance No. 61. Its members are appointed by the County Council and its function is to provide for the administration of mental retardation services within the County. 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 V of the aforesaid Ordinance.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this office that the Fairfield County Mental Retardation Board is a political subdivision of the County and an 'employer' within the meaning of [Code § 9-1-10\(5\)](#).

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington

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