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Office of the Attorney General

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to whether the Pelham-Batesville Fire District is an 'employer' within the meaning of § 9-1-10(5), 1976 Code of Laws.

The Fire District was created by Act No. 554 of 1971. Its members are appointed by the Governor and its purpose is to provide fire protection services within its designated area. It appears to be a body politic and corporate with the power to acquire and dispose of real personal property.

Based on the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the Pelham-Batesville Fire District is a political subdivision of the State and an 'employer' within the meaning of § 9-1-10(5). Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington Assistant Attorney General

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