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State of South Carolina October 7, 1980

*1 Re: Section 59-67-120

Colonel P. L. Meek
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Dear Colonel Meet:

You have requested advice as to what constitutes tampering with the governor of a school bus within the meaning of Code of Laws of South Carolina § 59-67-120 (1976). That section makes it unlawful for any person other than authorized mechanics to tamper with governors on school buses operated in this State. Black's Law Dictionary defines 'tamper' as 'to meddle so as to alter anything, especially to make corrupting or perverting changes.' If a person other than an authorized mechanic does anything which renders the governor inactive, he could be charged with tampering with the governor.

If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know. Sincerely,

Richard D. Bybee Assistant Attorney General

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