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Office of the Attorney General

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*1 Mr. Julian Richardson Horry County Council Conway, South Carolina 29526

Dear Mr. Richardson:

You have requested an opinion from this Office as to whether or not the Horry County Council is authorized to supplement the salaries of State employees or to provide travel or operational expenses therefor from county funds. In my opinion, it is not.

Section 129 of the 1977-78 State Appropriations Act [Ratification No. 789] provides in part:

... salaries paid to officers and employees of the State ... shall be in full for all services rendered, and no perquisites of office or of employment shall be allowed in addition thereto,

. . . salary appropriations for Employees fixed in this Act shall be in full for all services rendered, and no supplements from other sources shall be permitted or approved by the State Budget and Control Board.

Other provisions of the Act set forth allowable travel allowances, etc., for State employees. See, e.g., Section 131 of Act No. R-789. In view of these prohibitions against monetary supplements to State employees and in view of Section 14-318, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1962, as amended, forbidding extra allowances to salaried persons, my opinion is that the Horry County Council cannot supplement the salaries of State employees or provide them travel or operational expenses. Cf., County of Richland v. American Surety Co. of New York, 92 S.C. 329, 75 S.E. 549 (1911); see also, 63 AM.JUR.2d Public Officers and Employees § 387.

With kind regards,

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