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Office of the Attorney General

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the Edgefield County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and whether it is an 'employer' within the meaning of South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 9-1-10(5).

The Commission was created by Act No. 648 of 1973. Its members are appointed by the Governor and its function is to aid in the control of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. The Commission 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 the aforesaid Act.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the Edgefield County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse is a political subdivision of the State and an 'employer' within the meaning of Code Section 9-1-10(5). Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington Assistant Attorney General

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