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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mrs. Hodge:

You have asked if corporal punishment of children in school is illegal. Corporal punishment of children is not considered child abuse in South Carolina. In fact, South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 21-776 (Supp. 1973) specifically states that the governing body of the school district may provide for such punishment. However, punishment must be reasonable; harsh or cruel punishment would not be allowed. 1956-57, Opin. Attorney General, 247.

I hope that this information answers your question. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

James W. Bradford
Law Clerk

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