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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 Re: No. 267—Schools—Teachers**

Dr. Claud E. Kitchens
Superintendent
Richland County School District one
1616 Richland Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Dr. Kitchena:

In answer to your request for an opinion relating to provisions for legal services to teachers and other public school employees, the school district should not undertake to provide such services to teachers or employees. Since the school district is immune from suit for torts committed by its employees, the district should not expend public funds without statutory authorization for what appears to be a private purpose. There is a statute, however, that provides that the Attorney General shall represent the public officers and employees of the State or its political subdivisions when being sued . (See Section 1-234, Code of Laws of South Carolina.)

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Hardwick Stuart, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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