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\*1 The Aiken County Commission for Higher Education is a political subdivision of the State and an 'employer' within the meaning of Code Section 61–1(5).

Director

South Carolina Retirement System

You have asked for an opinion as to the legal status of the above-mentioned Commission and whether it is an 'employer' within the meaning of South Carolina Code of Laws Ann. § 61–1(5) (1962).

The Commission was created by the General Assembly in Act No. 103 in 1961. Its members are appointed by the Governor and its function is the encouragement of higher education in Aiken County and adjacent areas. 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 § 3 of said Act.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this office that the Aiken County Commission for Higher Education is a political subdivision of the State and an 'employer' within the meaning of Code  $\S 61-1(5)$ .

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