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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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**\*1 In Re: Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor**

Hon. Jarvis R. Klapman  
Member  
House of Representatives  
State House  
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Jarvis:

Your letter of January 18, 1972, has been referred to me by Mr. McLeod for reply.

I believe that any act that would contribute to the delinquency of any person under twenty-one would be covered by Section 16-555.1. For example, taking a minor female child away from parents for immoral purposes would be a violation of both 16-403 and 16-555.1 if the girl is under 16, and would constitute a violation of 16-555.1 in any event if she is under twenty-one. In other words, the two statutes overlap when the girl is under sixteen.

I believe Senator Bristow's Committee on Crime is considering some legislation in this area.

Yours very truly,

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Deputy Attorney General

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