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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Strickland:

The State Ethics Commission has referred to this office your recent letter in which you raised questions concerning whether certain individuals may be employed by a school district.

In your first question, you asked whether a relative of a school board member may be employed in the board member's particular district. Enclosed please find a copy of a previous opinion of this office dated April 17, 1980 which generally discusses such question. Such opinion references [Section 59-25-10 of the 1976 Code of Laws](#), as amended, which provides that no person who is a member of a board of trustees or who is a member of the immediate family of a board member may be employed by such board as a teacher unless certain specified approval is given. However, teachers employed prior to the time they or their family members become board members are expressly excluded. For purposes of such section, the immediate family includes only his parents, children, brothers or sisters.

In your second question, you asked whether a relative of an individual, such as a principal, superintendent, or other person in authority in a school district may be employed in such individual's school district. I am unaware of any State statute which would prohibit any such employment. However, I would suggest that you review any local policies concerning such employment.

Sincerely,

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