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Office of the Attorney General
State of South Carolina
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***1 Re: S. C. Code Section 61-110**

Mr. George Curry
Secretary
Board of Trustees
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina 29208

Dear Mr. Curry:

You have asked this Office for an opinion as to whether or not Dr. W. H. Patterson would come within the provisions of South Carolina Code Section 61-110, wherein it states:

‘Any teacher or an employee especially skilled in scientific knowledge and attainment may be temporarily employed by any part of the government or any agency thereof in a consultative capacity on a per diem compensation without such temporary consultative employment in any way affecting, reducing or cancelling his retirement benefits, but such temporary consultative employment shall not exceed four months in any one year.’

It is my understanding that Dr. Patterson is especially skilled in the knowledge necessary to run the University of South Carolina as its President. It is further my understanding that Dr. Patterson's attainments both scientific and otherwise qualify him for the unique position of President of the University of South Carolina. It is further represented that Dr. Patterson's unique skills are needed for the orderly transition from one President of the University of South Carolina to the next.

I can find no reason why Dr. Patterson should not come within the provisions of the above Code section. It is therefore the opinion of this Office that, indeed, under the above representations, Dr. W. H. Patterson possesses special skills and scientific knowledge and attainment that would allow temporary employment under Code Section 61-110.

Sincerely,

A. Camden Lewis
Assistant Attorney General

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