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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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\*1 Honorable Purvis W. Collins  
Director  
South Carolina Retirement System  
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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the Midlands Human Resources Development Commission and whether it is an 'employer' within the meaning of Section 61-1(5), Code of Laws of 1962. The Commission was created by Act No. 567 of 1976. Its members are appointed by the Governor after an elaborate preselection process and its function is implementing programs designed to improve the health, education and welfare, housing and employment opportunities of economically disadvantaged persons in the four counties which it serves. The Commission has been vested with the powers to enter into contracts, make binding agreements, and generally take such actions in its name as necessary to accomplish the purposes as described in the preamble of the Act. In addition, the Commission is exempt from county and municipal ad valorem taxes.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the Midlands Human Resources Development Commission is a political subdivision of the State and an 'employer' within the meaning of Section 61-1(5).

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington  
Assistant Attorney General

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