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\*1 The Honorable Dorothy F. Green  
Chairman  
South Carolina Commission on the Status of Women  
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Dear Ms. Green:

Attorney General McLeod has referred your letter to me for reply. I have examined Sections 9-451 *et seq.*, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA (1962) (as amended) with special attention given to Section 9-454—Duties. The Commission is given the duty to ‘study the status of women’, but no specific procedures to use in this study are specified. It is the opinion of this Office that the power to hold public meetings or hearings is inherent in the duty ‘to study the status of women’, as would be other powers such as to conduct interviews, distribute questionnaires, and other accepted methods of information gathering. This inherent power to gather information, however, does not establish or grant to the Commission the power of compulsory process for attendance or testimony.

Yours very truly,

M. Elizabeth Crum  
Assistant Attorney General

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