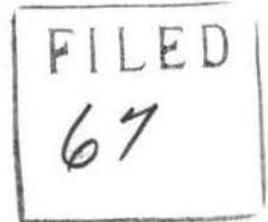


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OPINION LETTER NO. 67  
Answer by Letter - Klaffenbach

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Dear Dr. Mallory:

This letter is in response to your opinion request in which you ask the following question:

"Does the State Board of Education have the authority to purchase liability insurance to protect bus drivers employed to drive state-owned vehicles that are used to provide transportation for those participating in the trainable mentally retarded children's program authorized by Sections 178.190 through 178.250, RSMo?"

Your question refers to bus drivers employed by the state and we therefore presume that you are referring to such drivers who are employed by the State Board of Education in the discharge of its duties under the provisions of Sections 178.190, RSMo 1969 et seq.

In our view the question is resolved by our Opinion No. 93, dated September 9, 1969, to Cason, copy enclosed, and the answer is therefore that the board of education has the authority to purchase such liability insurance as a part of the compensation of such employees.

Very truly yours,

JOHN C. DANFORTH  
Attorney General

Enclosure