

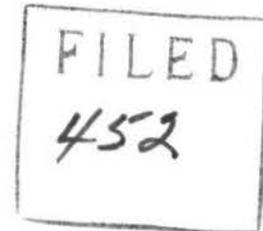
SCHOOLS:
INSURANCE:

A school board has the discretionary authority to pay the premiums for hospitalization and health insurance for its employees as part of their compensation.

OPINION NO. 452

October 23, 1969

Honorable Robert H. Branom
State Representative - 35th District
7701 Forsyth Avenue
Clayton, Missouri 63105



Dear Representative Branom:

This letter is in response to your request for an opinion of this office in which you ask whether school boards can purchase hospitalization and health insurance for their employees as part of the employees' compensation.

As you note, this office has previously, by Opinion No. 93, Cason, 9/9/69, held that a school board has the authority to purchase an individual liability insurance policy on an employee to cover his negligence occurring in the normal activities of a school district as a form of compensation. We see no valid distinction between the purchase of liability insurance as compensation and the purchase of hospitalization and health insurance as compensation.

CONCLUSION

It is the opinion of this office that a school board has the discretionary authority to pay the premiums for hospitalization and health insurance for its employees as part of their compensation.

The foregoing opinion, which I hereby approve, was prepared by my assistant, Kenneth M. Romines.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John C. Danforth". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

JOHN C. DANFORTH
Attorney General

Enc: Opinion No. 93,
Cason, 9/9/69