

SCHOOLS:  
INSURANCE:

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

OPINION NO. 500

November 18, 1969



Honorable A. Basey Vanlandingham  
Representative - 19th District  
12 North Second Street  
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Dear Representative Vanlandingham:

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

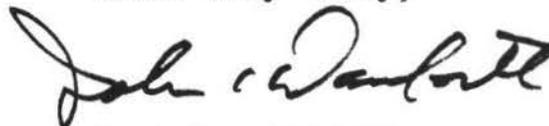
As you note, this office has previously, by Opinion No. 93, Cason, 9/9/69, held that a school board has the authority to purchase an individual liability insurance policy on an employee to cover his negligence occurring during the normal activities of the school district as a form of compensation. We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

CONCLUSION

It is the opinion of this office that a school board has the discretionary authority to pay the premiums for life 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,



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