



April 28, 2004

Dale Turrentine
Arkansas Rehabilitation Services
1616 Brookwood
Little Rock, AR. 72202

Re: Advisory Opinion #483-04-07

Dear Ms. Turrentine:

This letter is in response to your request for an advisory opinion in accordance with Section 19-11-715(b) of the Arkansas Code Annotated of 1987. Your request for an advisory opinion is based on the following facts:

- a) An employee of the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services CADET Transportation Program has volunteered to provide transportation to a client before and after work hours.
- b) You wish to know whether such reimbursement would conflict with the Ethics in Public Contracting Law or Executive Order #98-04.

In the Ethics in Public Contracting Law, no employee is allowed to use his job to gain advantage or compensation. In this case, as long as the individual's position is not involved in the ARS CADET Program and does not give advantage over others for this job of providing transportation, then the reimbursement is allowed. However, as you have pointed out in your e-mail, Governor's Executive Order #98-04 requires that he disclose the compensation in the event that it exceeds \$1,000 per year.

This advisory opinion is issued in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated Section 19-11-715(b) and compliance with the above course of conduct is deemed to constitute compliance with the ethical standards of the act and EO #98-04.

Sincerely

Richard Weiss
Director

cc: Joe Giddis
Tom Gay, Office of Atty. Gen.