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Opinion No. 75-166

Mr. Max Bickford
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Dear Mr. Bickford:

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 15, 1975, in which you request an opinion asking whether all county extension personnel holding federal appointments are exempt from coverage under the Kansas Workmen's Compensation Act.

This request is in response to the Attorney General's Opinion No. 75-125, stating that federally appointed county agents of the Kansas Cooperative Extension Service are exempt from coverage under the Workmen's Compensation Act. The transmittal letter of Dr. Paul W. Griffith, Associate Director of the Extension Service, indicates that the situation of those other employees holding federal appointments are exactly the same as that of the county extension agents.

It is the opinion of this office that all employees of the Extension Service who hold a federal appointment, whose salary is derived from funds allotted the Extension Service under the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 and who are subject to the control and supervision of the federal government through a similar delegation or appointment as outlined in the above Attorney General's opinion, are to be considered as federal employees for purposes of the Kansas Workmen's Compensation Act, and therefore, are not subject to its coverage.

Yours very truly,

CURT T. SCHNEIDER
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