

OPINION
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July 23, 1963 (OPINION)

GIRL SCOUTS ROUND-UP COMMISSION

RE: Expenditures

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 19, 1963, requesting an opinion, pursuant to resolution duly adopted by the Girl Scouts Round-up Commission, whether the Commission has the authority to pay two categories of bills, one category composed of bills submitted by private individuals and the second category composed of bills submitted by state agencies and whether the commission has monies available to it to pay these bills if it is authorized to do so. You have previously submitted to this office in this regard itemizations of various telephone call listings, expense statements, etc., from state agencies and private individuals.

In examining the statute, particularly section 4 of chapter 356 of the 1963 Session Laws, we come to the conclusion that the type of operations shown by the listings and statements are within the powers of the Commission, whether performed by private individuals, business entities or state agencies.

We note also the provision of section 6 of said chapter 356 of the 1963 Session Laws making the entire measure an "Emergency Measure" and section 5 of the Act providing that:

There is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the general fund of the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars to the Girl Scouts Round-up Commission to carry out the provisions of this Act during the period beginning July 1, 1963, and ending September 30, 1965."

While apparently some of the expenses were incurred prior to the date July 1, 1963, they were apparently incurred during the legislative session or subsequent to the effective date of the Act for the specific purposes of the Act. On such basis, it is our opinion that in so far as it is now subsequent to the effective date of the appropriation provision of the Act the bills may now be paid.

It will, of course, be necessary to comply with other statutory provisions as to form of vouchers submitted, etc.

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