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At the November 27, 2001 meeting of the Missouri Ethics Commission, your request for an opinion was discussed. The following is the Commission's response to your question:

As an employee with the Division of Family Services, may I continue my secondary employment with the county sheriff's office as the DARE officer?

From the facts presented to the Commission, it is the Commission's opinion that your secondary employment with the county sheriff's office as a DARE officer does not violate the conflict of interest section of the statutes as contained in section 105.454, RSMo.

The Commission has statutory authority to issue opinions concerning potential conflicts of interest governed by sections 105.450 through 105.467, RSMo. However, the Commission cannot opine on whether an employee's conduct may violate his employer's internal rules and policies. Therefore, to the extent your opinion request asked for guidance regarding whether your conduct violates DFS or DSS policies involving outside employment, the Commission does not opine. That determination must be made by your agency.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director

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