

# CAREER CENTER LEGAL STATUS

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure of career education in the county.

The federal government has delegated the responsibility for public education to the states.

The South Carolina Constitution has provided for a state system of public education. Under South Carolina law, the control of public instruction is vested in the South Carolina State Board of Education which is composed of 17 members, 16 elected by members of the delegations of each judicial circuit and commissioned by the governor and one member appointed by the governor. The state superintendent of education is elected in a partisan election at each general election. The state superintendent is charged with general supervision of education in the state.

In Barnwell County, the organizational pattern consists of three school districts and the Barnwell County Career Center.

The Barnwell County Career Center is a body politic and corporate. Under its name it may sue and be sued. It may enter into contracts to the extent of its school funds and may hold such real and personal property as it may come into possession of by an authorized purchase or by will or otherwise.

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## Legal references:

### A. S. C. Constitution:

1. Article X, Section 5 - Power of school district to assess and collect taxes.
2. Article XI, Section 1 - Creation of the state board of education.
3. Article XI, Section 2 - Creation of the position of state superintendent of education.
4. Article XI, Section 3 - Provides for a system of free public schools.

### B. S. C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. Title 59, Chapters 1 - 73 - Public education, K-12.
2. Section 59-1-160 - School district defined.
3. Section 59-3-30 - State superintendent of education; general duties.
4. Section 59-5-10 - Composition and organization of state board of education.
5. Section 59-17-10 - School districts as bodies politic and corporate.
6. Section 59-73-20 - School districts declared tax districts.

### C. S. C. Acts and Joint Resolutions:

1. 1971 Act 501, p. 929 - Barnwell County Vocational Education School Board powers and duties.
2. 1978 Act 712, p. 2352 - An Act to mend Act 510 of 1971 relating to vocational education in Barnwell County so as to increase the membership of the governing board.
3. 1988 Act 760, p. 6392 - Abolishes office of county superintendent and board of trustees and devolves duties on district boards; authority to contract and borrow money.
4. 1990 Act 713, p. 3480 - An act to amend Act 501 of 1971 as last amended by Act 712 of 1978 relating to vocational education in Barnwell County so as to change the membership of the vocational education school board.