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Joseph M. Marotta
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Dear Mr. Marotta:

Pursuant to R.C. 3309.041, we have reviewed the draft revisions of the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS) Education, Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy, focusing on the changes you highlighted in your email and attachments that we received on December 22, 2023.

As you noted, the SERS Board is seeking to change its reimbursement policy to exclude conference and meeting registration fees paid by SERS from the \$6,000 cap on out-of-state meetings. You also noted that the SERS Board was seeking to change its reimbursement of expense policy to tie the actual and reasonable daily meal and beverage reimbursement to the U.S. General Services Administration per diem rate.

Upon review of these two proposed changes, we did not identify anything that would create any issues under the Ethics Laws and related statutes, including Chapter 102 and R.C. Sections 2921.42 and 2921.43.

Please contact me at: (614) 466-7091 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Nick
Executive Director