

as to the development of and progress of coal and other mining, including care to protect and promote the health and safety of mine employees, the methods used to conserve the economic value of the minerals of the State, and the work accomplished during the year by the Bureau and its officers; and may make recommendations for such changes or improvements as may tend to protect persons engaged in mining or conserve the minerals of the State. The reasonable cost of such report shall be provided by the Governor in the Budget.

SEC. 25. The Bureau shall assist and encourage all reasonable efforts to improve mining methods and conditions, with a view to discovering better ways of protecting life and health, extending the serviceable use of instrumentalities, and promoting the prosperity of the industry by reducing waste of natural resources and promoting economy in mining; and shall diligently compile, statistically analyze and compare all available data regarding coal or other mining processes and operations and advise persons engaged in such industry.

SEC. 26. The Chief Mine Engineer shall prepare and compile all blanks, forms or other uniform methods employed for obtaining data or to be used in making out reports, necessary in the proper discharge of the duties of the Bureau. He shall direct and supervise the field and office work of the Bureau and of all inspectors or other employees thereof, subject to the control of the Commissioner. He shall require diligence, and prompt reports upon all services required of them by law or regulation.

SEC. 27. The Chief Mine Engineer is hereby authorized to institute in the name of the State, proceedings to enforce any provision of this Act or of any regulation pursuant thereto; and to that end to institute actions at law, suits in equity or prosecutions; but such power shall not exclude any right of any person interested to invoke the usual and ordinary process of the courts against violators of the mining laws. In case any suit or proceeding is instituted by or against the Chief Mine Engineer or any district mine inspector, regarding any of the provisions of this Act, such Chief Mine Engineer or district mine inspector shall have the legal assistance of the Attorney-General.