

(5) In any case which shall come before the Workmen's Compensation Commission involving payments from the fund, it shall request the Attorney General to furnish a member of his staff to represent the fund in hearings before it. IN A CASE IN WHICH THE FUND IS IMPEADED AND SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FUND BOARD, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FUND MAY HIRE ANY EXPERTS NECESSARY TO PROPERLY DEFEND THE ACTION. EXPENSES INCURRED SHALL BE PAID FROM THE SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD. In any award it shall make from the fund, the Commission shall specifically find the amount the injured employee shall be paid weekly, the number of weeks' compensation to be paid, the date upon which payments from the fund shall begin, and, if possible, the length of time such payments shall continue. In making any award from the fund for a subsequent injury, the Commission shall consider any prior award made by the Commission, or by a similar commission in any other state or in the District of Columbia, in determining the amount to be awarded for such subsequent injury. In the event of any award against the Subsequent Injury Fund, there shall be a right of appeal by the Subsequent Injury Fund, as provided in § 56(a) of this article. In any case involving payment from the fund, the Commission, or any party in interest, shall notify the State Treasurer and/or the attorney or the attorneys for the fund, in writing, that the fund is, or may be involved in such case, and implead the fund, in writing, as a party. The fund may be impleaded at any stage of the proceedings, either before the Commission, or on appeal; but if impleaded on appeal from the decision of the Commission or on further appeal to the Court of Special Appeals, the Court shall suspend further proceedings and remand the case to the Commission for further proceedings in order to afford the fund an opportunity to defend the claim.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved April 28, 1981.

CHAPTER 114

(Senate Bill 417)

AN ACT concerning

State Financial Assistance for Public Education

FOR the purpose of correcting the definition of "eligible position" to include the Teachers' Pension System and to conform to the standards applied by the Department of Personnel as of January 11, 1980 by providing that a position eligible for State sharing of employer social