

recommendations should be implemented;

(b) Hold hearings at which persons with an interest in workmen's compensation laws may present their views;

(c) Conduct such meetings, research projects, investigations and discussions as may be necessary to gather information relating to workmen's compensation laws in Maryland and in other states;

(d) Establish subcommittees, if necessary, to aid in the gathering and analysis of that information; and

(e) To the extent funds are made available in the State budget, employ a support staff necessary to carry out its functions.

5. The Commission shall consider the following matters:

(a) The extent to which the present organization for the implementation of the workmen's compensation laws is adequate, including, but not limited to, the adequacy of the administrative organization of the Workmen's Compensation Commission and the organizational relationships between the Workmen's Compensation Commission and the Subsequent Injury Fund, the Uninsured Employers' Fund, and the State Accident Fund;

(b) The relationship between social security benefits and workmen's compensation awards;

(c) The feasibility of alternative methods of providing compensation for covered claims, including, but not limited to, compensation based on loss of future earnings;

(d) The implementation of self-insurance pools for private and governmental employers;

(e) The effectiveness of the existing appellate procedures and standards of review of Workmen's Compensation Commission