*** § 12-d. Advisory council on farm labor safety.** 1. There is hereby established in the department of labor an advisory council on farm labor safety to make a study and investigation of the problems of providing adequate protection to farm workers against injuries arising out of their employment. Such study and investigation shall include: (a) the unique and special conditions involved in farm safety; (b) the need for education and training programs for the protection of farm workers against accidents; (c) the identification of areas where existing educational and training programs are insufficient to provide adequate protection to farm workers against accidents; (d) the methods of encouraging farmers and farm groups to establish such education and training programs; and (e) all matters and approaches for the protection of farm workers against accidents referred by the industrial commissioner.

2. The advisory council shall consist of ten members appointed by the industrial commissioner. The members shall be representative of farmers, growers, farm workers and other persons and groups concerned with agricultural safety. One of the members shall be designated as chairman by the industrial commissioner. The chairman of the board of standards and appeals, the commissioner of agriculture and markets, the commissioner of education, and the dean of the college of agriculture at Cornell University, or their designated representatives, shall be additional members of the council, who shall serve by virtue of their positions, without voting power.

The industrial commissioner shall designate an officer or employee of the department of labor to act as secretary of the advisory council, who shall not be a member of such council and who shall not receive any additional compensation therefor.

3. The advisory council may take testimony, subpoena witnesses, and require the production of books, records and papers, and hold public or private hearings.

4. The advisory council may request and shall receive such assistance, service and data from any agency of the state or from any political

subdivision thereof as will enable it properly to carry out its activities hereunder and effectuate the purposes herein set forth.

5. The advisory council shall, from time to time, but not less frequently than on December first of each year, submit a report to the industrial commissioner, and shall submit a final report on or before March thirty-first, nineteen hundred seventy-two. Such reports may include such recommendations as the council finds appropriate on the basis of its studies and investigations.

6. The appointed members of the advisory council shall receive no compensation for their services but shall receive in lieu of expenses incurred in the performance of their duties the sum of sixty dollars for each day or part thereof spent in attendance at meetings or otherwise in the work of the council, but no member shall receive in excess of twelve hundred dollars during any one fiscal year.

7. The advisory council may adopt rules and regulations to govern its own proceedings. The secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the council, which shall show the name of each member present at the meetings and every matter considered by the council and the action taken thereon. Such records shall be filed in the office of the secretary of the department of labor.

* NB Expired March 31, 1972