§ 811. Powers and duties of industrial commissioner; personnel. 1. The industrial commissioner shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) to encourage and promote the making of apprenticeship agreements conforming to the standards established by or pursuant to this article;

(b) to establish suggested standards for apprenticeship agreements in conformity with the provisions of this article;

(c) to supervise the execution of apprenticeship agreements and maintenance of standards;

(d) to register approved apprenticeship agreements, and upon performance thereof, to issue certificates of completion of apprenticeship;

(e) to settle differences arising out of apprenticeship agreements, when such differences cannot be adjusted locally or in accordance with established trade procedure;

(f) to terminate or cancel any apprenticeship agreements in accordance with the provisions of such agreements;

(g) to encourage and promote the hiring by any trade or group of trades of persons who are on parole, in order to aid in the rehabilitation of such persons;

(h) to study and disseminate information on apprenticeship training, trends of employment opportunities in various trades, the impact of technological change on skill levels and requirements, the supply of and needs for skilled manpower, and related matters;

(i) to cooperate with the federal government, the state education department, the state department of commerce and other agencies, public and private, in the state;

(j) to cooperate with the director of the division of minority and women's business development pursuant to paragraph (k) of subdivision three of section three hundred eleven of the executive law to assist contractors in locating minority group members and women who are participating in apprenticeships agreements;

(k) to adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the effective administration of the purposes and provisions of this article;

(l) to perform such other duties as may be necessary to give full effect to the policies of the state and the provisions of this article.

2. The industrial commissioner shall appoint a person who shall be in

charge of apprentice training in the department of labor, and who shall act as secretary of the state apprenticeship and training council and of state joint apprenticeship committees. The industrial commissioner is further authorized to appoint such clerical, technical, and professional assistants as shall be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article. The personnel appointed under this article shall receive an annual compensation to be fixed by the industrial commissioner within the amount provided by appropriation.