

72-8507. Same; investigations; hearings. (a) The professional practices commission shall have responsibility, power and authority to investigate problems relating to the matters specified in K.S.A. 72-8506, and amendments thereto. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the state board of education from initiating and adopting rules and regulations on matters relating to the professions of teaching and school administration, irrespective of any action or lack thereof by the professional practices commission.

(b) The practices commission shall have, upon request by and at the direction of the state board of education, the responsibility, power and authority to conduct hearings relating to any case arising under this act, or the act of which this act is amendatory, or rules and regulations adopted by the state board of education.

(c) For the purpose of any investigation which the professional practices commission conducts, the commission shall have power to conduct such investigation, administer oaths, take depositions, and by order of the state board of education, to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, documents and testimony. If any person refuses to obey any subpoena so issued, or refuses to testify or produce any books, papers, or documents, the state board of education, or any member thereof, may present a petition to the district court of the judicial district in which any investigation is being conducted, setting forth the facts, and thereupon the court shall, in a proper case, issue its subpoena to such person, requiring attendance before the court and there to testify or to produce such books, papers and documents as may be deemed necessary and pertinent by the practices commission or any member of it. Any person failing or refusing to obey the subpoena or order of the district court may be proceeded against for contempt in the same manner as for refusal to obey any other subpoena or order of the court. Hearings before the practices commission, and any review of orders of the practices commission by the state board, shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

History: L. 1969, ch. 339, § 7; L. 1979, ch. 232, § 8; L. 1984, ch. 271, § 6; L. 1988, ch. 356, § 284; L. 1989, ch. 283, § 18; July 1.