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October 12, 1944 Audit William D. Hayes, State Auditor Attorney General Frank I. Cowan, Attorney General R. S. 1944, Chapter 37 I have your memo of October 9th in regard to the difference between "Permanent" school fund and "State" school fund. I do not regard the so-called "Permanent" school fund as a permanent fund. The word is simply a name, a designation. It was probably so called to distinguish it from purely temporary funds, which lapsed annually. If there is an inconsistency in the above quoted sections (and it has seemed to me that there is an ambiguity) it is one that the legislature should cure. Most respectfully I am compelled to say that much evidence should be considered before this office makes any decision in this matter. We don't know the facts well enough to properly evaluate the words of the statute. Frank I. Cowen Attorney General FIC h