OVERVIEW: Sec. 15.18 of S.L. 2017-57 does the following:

- Enables the North Carolina Industrial Commission (Commission) to carry forward up to $250,000 of State funds appropriated in the 2015-2016 fiscal year for legal services. This includes the employment and supervision of private counsel. This provision became effective June 30, 2017.

- Allows the Commission to utilize $300,000 of funds appropriated to it in the 2017-2018 fiscal year for private legal services, litigation-related expenses, and the defense of members in his or her official capacity arising from S.L. 2016-125. S.L. 2016-125 consolidated the functions of elections, campaign finance, lobbying, and ethics under one state agency by creating the North Carolina Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement. This provision became effective July 1, 2017.