

1 and guarantee of budget for the State's share and
2 responsibility in the operation of schools. Section 52 is
3 broad and flexible. It is a good umbrella for the public
4 schools of the State.

5 "State aid items are mandated by action of the
6 General Assembly and the Governor in accordance with powers
7 granted by the Constitution. Once these items are legis-
8 lated, it is good policy for the budget to be fixed without
9 alteration in accordance with the formulas so designated.
10 Currently the following State aid items are mandated:

11 "State share of current expense, Article 77,
12 Section 220; current expense incentive aid, Section 221;
13 pupil transportation, Section 33; incentive fund for school
14 construction, Section 222; handicapped children, Section
15 241; junior colleges, Section 304; public libraries, Section
16 182; public library incentive aid, Section 182B; teachers'
17 retirement system, Sections 108-126.

18 "From time to time the State does make changes
19 in school legislation. This keeps the educational system
20 adaptable to changing conditions. But once the program of
21 financial support is agreed upon local school systems need