

*purchase or lease and by the acceptance of gifts, grants, bequests, devises or loans; provided, however, that no obligation of the corporation shall be a debt of the state, and the corporation shall have no power to make its debts payable out of any moneys except those of the corporation.*

*(c) To enter into contracts with institutions of higher education, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the corporation and any such institution, to provide for the administration by such institutions of any loan, or guarantee of a loan, made by the corporation, including applications therefor and repayment thereof.*

*(d) To sue and be sued in the name of the corporation. Process in any action or proceeding may be served in the manner provided by the corporation laws.*

*(e) To adopt rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, governing the application for and the granting, administration and repayment of loans, or the guarantee of loans, made by the corporation, and governing any other matters relating to the activities of the corporation. The board shall require all persons borrowing from the corporation, or borrowing funds guaranteed by the corporation, to pay interest on the amount borrowed during the term of the loan in such amount not exceeding six per centum per annum and at such intervals as the board may fix.*

*(f) To perform such other acts as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out effectively the objects and purposes of the corporation, as specified in this article.*

*6. No loan made or guaranteed by the corporation shall bear interest at a rate in excess of six per cent per annum; nor shall the corporation guarantee any loan which bears interest at a rate higher than the then prevailing rate of interest up to a maximum of six per cent per annum which the lender charges to other persons for similar type loans which are not guaranteed by the corporation, unless the board determines that such a higher rate of interest is justified by special circumstances and would be consistent with the general objectives of the corporation.*

*7. (a) The terms and conditions of any loan made or guaranteed by the corporation shall not require the borrower thereof to commence the repayment of his loan earlier than one year following his completion or other termination of the college program for which such loan was made or three months after he becomes regularly employed or self-employed following such completion or other termination of his college program or upon the expiration of six years from the granting of the loan, whichever occurs first. Such a borrower shall not be required to repay in full any such loan earlier than within four years following his completion or other termination of his college program where the principal amount of the loan does not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, or six years where such principal amount is fifteen hundred dollars or more but less than three thousand dollars, or eight years where such principal amount is three thousand dollars or more. ~~but less than five thousand dollars.~~*

*(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary provided in this section, the corporation may make or guarantee a loan under terms and conditions with respect to repayment which are more lenient or*