261.38 Loan reserve and agency operating accounts.

1. The commission shall establish a loan reserve account and an agency operating account as authorized by the federal Higher Education Act of 1965. The commission shall credit to these accounts all moneys provided for the state student loan program by the United States, the state of Iowa, or any of their agencies, departments or instrumentalities, as well as any funds accruing to the program which are not required for current administrative expenses. The commission may expend moneys in the loan reserve and agency operating accounts as authorized by the federal Higher Education Act of 1965.

2. The payment of any funds for the default on a guaranteed student loan shall be solely from the loan reserve and agency operating accounts. The general assembly shall not be obligated to appropriate any moneys to pay for any defaults or to appropriate any moneys to be credited to the loan reserve account. The commission shall not give or lend the credit of the state of Iowa.

3. Notwithstanding section 8.33, funds on deposit in the loan reserve and operating accounts shall not revert to the state general fund at the close of any fiscal year.

4. The treasurer of state shall invest any funds, including those in the loan reserve and operating accounts, and, notwithstanding section 12C.7, the interest income earned shall be credited back to the appropriate account.

5. The commission may enter into agreements with the Iowa student loan liquidity corporation in order to increase access for students to education loan programs that the commission determines meet the education needs of Iowa residents. The agreements shall permit the establishment, funding, and operation of alternative education loan programs, as described in section 144(b)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, as defined in section 422.3, in addition to programs permitted under the federal Higher Education Act of 1965. In accordance with those agreements, the Iowa student loan liquidity corporation may issue bonds, notes, or other obligations to the public and others for the purpose of funding the alternative education loan programs. This authority to issue bonds, notes, or other obligations shall be in addition to the authority established in the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Iowa student loan liquidity corporation.

Bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by the Iowa student loan liquidity corporation are not an obligation of this state or any political subdivision of this state within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitations, but are special obligations of the Iowa student loan liquidity corporation, and the corporation shall not pledge the credit or taxing power of this state or any political subdivision of this state, or make its debts payable out of any of the moneys except those of the corporation.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, §261.5, 261.8; C79, 81, §261.38]

86 Acts, ch 1246, §26, 27; 89 Acts, ch 300, §7; 90 Acts, ch 1253, §122; 91 Acts, ch 180, §4, 5; 92 Acts, ch 1246, §31; 99 Acts, ch 205, §33 – 37

Referred to in §261.37