

AGENCY NAME:	South Carolina Department of Education		
AGENCY CODE:	H630	SECTION:	001

FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	3
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	VII.C Bus Purchase/Lease
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$5,000,000 Federal: Other: Total: \$5,000,000
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2019-20? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # _____	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	7.1.1-01	Percent of school buses older than 10 years or 100,000 miles
	7.1.1-02	Average operating miles per bus

What specific strategy, as outlined in the FY 2018-19 Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	Funds are utilized by the Office of Transportation to lease purchase buses that meet state specifications.
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What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	<p>The SCDE requests the consolidation of the Bus Lease line item of \$3,000,000 and an additional appropriation of \$2,000,0000 recurring which will bring the total recurring dollars available for bus lease/purchase to \$10,015,506.</p> <p>SECTION 59-67-580(A) of the SC Code of Laws requires that one-fifteenth of the fleet be replaced each year with new school buses. To replace 1/15th of the fleet costs \$34 million and equates to 380 buses and this replacement cycle is in line with industry standards.</p> <p>During Fiscal Year 2016-17 the agency acquired 1,306 new buses and during Fiscal Year 2017-18 the agency acquired 746 buses. This effort was to ensure that all of the 1995 transits were retired, which will be completed in October 2018.</p>
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Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.