

<b>AGENCY NAME:</b>	South Carolina Department of Education		
<b>AGENCY CODE:</b>	H630	<b>SECTION:</b>	001

## FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	<b>5</b>
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>VII.C Hazardous Transportation</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>General: \$3,000,000</b> <b>Federal:</b> <b>Other:</b> <b>Total: \$3,000,000</b>
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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.*

<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b> <input 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 checked="" 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 # _____
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<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b> <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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<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	7.1.3	Number of bus driver-caused accidents
	7.1.4	Number of district route ride times that exceed 90 minutes

*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?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b>	<p>SC Department of Education, Office of Transportation, would be the recipient of these funds. Funds will be used to assume the cost of transporting students outside of state funded routes when the health and safety of the students are at risk.</p>
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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?*

<b>JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST</b>	<p>The requested amount would annualize non-recurring funds that were appropriated during Fiscal Year 2016-17. These funds are used to reduce the cost to local school districts providing transportation services to students who would otherwise have to walk/wait for the bus in conditions that are hazardous. Historically, the agency has not been able to reimburse districts for the cost of hazardous transportation and has billed for stops the district considered necessary for the safety of students, but that were otherwise off route.</p> <p>Increasingly, schools are being located in areas not served by sidewalks, crosswalks, or traffic control devices, resulting in requiring students living within a mile and a half of their school to walk on the shoulder along busy streets and multi-lane highways. A similar situation arises when students living on a side road or street less than three-tenths of a mile from an approved bus stop must walk to the stop through hazardous conditions. Districts choosing to ensure the safety of these students may do so by using state-owned buses, but the district bears the cost if no state funding is allocated.</p> <p>This change will ensure safe transportation to and from school for students who otherwise would have to walk in hazardous conditions.</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.*

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