

**TRANSPORTATION & REGULATORY SUBCOMMITTEE
BOND BILL RECOMMENDATIONS (Rep. Loftis)**

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION

\$3,500,000 - Fire Academy Training Props and Facilities

Description of the request: The South Carolina Fire Academy is part of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's Division of Fire and Life Safety. The SC Fire Academy's facility is the most comprehensive state fire training facility in the U.S. It is on 208 acres just off Monticello Road (S.C. 215), four miles north of Exit 68 off Interstate 20. The campus has a dormitory facility for 116 people and a cafeteria. There is an auditorium and five classrooms. The facility is one of a select few to feature state-of-the-art, computerized, propane-fueled props. These give the Fire Academy's live fire training programs consistency, while increasing the level of student safety. LLR is requesting \$10 million to add, update, and replace props that have reached the end of their useful life, as well as update the Fire Academy facility.

Explanation of the request:

- \$2 million to add/replace two Burn Building props
- \$1.5 million to update Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) prop and LP Gas prop

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

\$16,200,000 - Rest Area Renovations

Description of the request: The rest areas to be addressed with this funding are between 22 and 47 years old. Many of the existing facilities do not have family assistance restrooms, limited accessibility for the disabled, and no air conditioning. The rest area replacement projects will include replacing the rest area building, vending, storage and picnic shelters with site improvements to include improving vehicular flow, resurface paving, and install new sidewalks, and curbs. Some rest areas may need smaller but still critical updates such as light rehabilitation, adding backup power, and/or additional truck parking.

Explanation of the request:

- \$4 million to replace the east-bound Charleston County rest area on I-26
- \$8 million to replace both the north-bound and south-bound Sumter County rest areas on I-95 (\$4 million each)
- \$200,000 to perform light rehabilitation of the west-bound Berkeley County rest area on I-26 to enable its use during hurricane evacuations
- \$4 million to replace the north-bound Orangeburg (Santee) rest area on I-95