

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD  
OFFICE OF INSURANCE SERVICES

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**1. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Fund Accounting (Continued)

A fund is a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with related liabilities and residual equities or balances and changes therein which are segregated to carry on specific activities or attain certain objectives in accordance with applicable regulations, restrictions, or limitations. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund; however, in the accompanying financial statements, funds that have similar characteristics have been combined into fund types. Accordingly, all financial transactions in the combined statements have been reported by fund type.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate “fund types”. The Office of Insurance Services of the South Carolina State Budget and Control Board uses the Proprietary Fund Type.

Description of Funds

**Proprietary Funds**-Proprietary funds are used to account for activities similar to those found in the private sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful for sound financial administration. Goods or services from such activities can be provided either to outside parties (enterprise funds) or to other departments or agencies primarily within the government (internal service funds). The following funds are reported as proprietary funds:

- (1) **Insurance Reserve Fund (internal service fund)**-The Insurance Reserve Fund insures state agencies, school districts, special purpose political subdivisions, county governments and municipal governments in South Carolina. The Insurance Reserve Fund provides property insurance on governmentally owned buildings, the contents of such buildings, equipment and automobiles. The Insurance Reserve Fund provides automobile liability insurance on governmentally owned vehicles and school buses, tort liability insurance for government premises and operations, and medical professional liability for hospitals. The Insurance Reserve Fund is a self-insurer and purchases reinsurance to limit losses in the areas of property insurance, boiler and machinery insurance, automobile liability insurance, and medical professional liability insurance. The Insurance Reserve Fund collects premiums from participating entities, issues policies, and pays claims incurred under the policies from accumulated premiums and earnings on investments and notes receivable. The premium rates are determined actuarially and approved by the South Carolina Budget and Control Board. The Insurance Reserve Fund allocates the costs of providing claims servicing and claims payments by charging each participant a premium. Interest income is considered in the premium rate setting process.