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Senator Harris moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 20, line 13, through page 22, line 2, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 4. Section 414.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

414.20 Other support services.--Support services shall be provided, if resources permit, to assist participants in complying with work activity requirements outlined in s. 414.065. If resources do not permit the provision of needed support services, the department and the Department of Labor and Employment Security may prioritize or otherwise limit provision of support services. This section does not constitute an entitlement to support services. Lack of provision of support services may be considered as a factor in determining whether good cause exists for failing to comply with work activity requirements but does not automatically constitute good cause for failing to comply with work activity

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1 requirements, and does not affect any applicable time limit on  
2 the receipt of temporary cash assistance or the provision of  
3 services under this chapter. Support services shall include,  
4 but need not be limited to:

5 (1) TRANSPORTATION.--Transportation expenses may be  
6 provided to any participant when the assistance is needed to  
7 comply with work activity requirements or employment  
8 requirements, including transportation to and from a child  
9 care provider. Payment may be made in cash or tokens in  
10 advance or through reimbursement paid against receipts or  
11 invoices. Transportation services may include, but are not  
12 limited to, cooperative arrangements with the following:  
13 public transit providers; community transportation  
14 coordinators designated under chapter 427; school districts,  
15 churches and community centers; donated motor vehicle  
16 programs, vanpools, and ridesharing programs; small enterprise  
17 developments and entrepreneurial programs that encourage WAGES  
18 participants to become transportation providers; public and  
19 private transportation partnerships; and other innovative  
20 strategies to expand transportation options available to  
21 program participants.

22 (a) Local WAGES coalitions are authorized to provide  
23 payment for vehicle operational and repair expenses, including  
24 repair expenditures necessary to make a vehicle functional;  
25 vehicle registration fees; driver's license fees; and  
26 liability insurance for the vehicle for a period of up to 6  
27 months. Request for vehicle repairs must be accompanied by an  
28 estimate of the cost prepared by a repair facility registered  
29 under s. 559.904.

30 (b) Transportation disadvantaged funds as defined in  
31 chapter 427 do not include WAGES support services funds that

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1 are used for the provision of transportation services for  
2 WAGES program participants. It is the intent of the  
3 Legislature that local WAGES coalitions consult with local  
4 community transportation coordinators designated under chapter  
5 427 regarding the availability and cost of transportation  
6 services through the coordinated transportation system prior  
7 to contracting for comparable transportation services outside  
8 the coordinated system. ~~Support services funds may also be~~  
9 ~~used to develop transportation resources to expand~~  
10 ~~transportation options available to participants. These~~  
11 ~~services may include cooperative arrangements with local~~  
12 ~~transit authorities or school districts and small enterprise~~  
13 ~~development.~~

14 (2) ANCILLARY EXPENSES.--Ancillary expenses such as  
15 books, tools, clothing, fees, and costs necessary to comply  
16 with work activity requirements or employment requirements may  
17 be provided.

18 (3) MEDICAL SERVICES.--A family that meets the  
19 eligibility requirements for Medicaid shall receive medical  
20 services under the Medicaid program.

21 (4) PERSONAL AND FAMILY COUNSELING AND  
22 THERAPY.--Counseling may be provided to participants who have  
23 a personal or family problem or problems caused by substance  
24 abuse that is a barrier to compliance with work activity  
25 requirements or employment requirements. In providing these  
26 services, the department and the Department of Labor and  
27 Employment Security shall use services that are available in  
28 the community at no additional cost. If these services are not  
29 available, the department and the Department of Labor and  
30 Employment Security may use support services funds. Personal  
31 or family counseling not available through Medicaid may not be

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1 considered a medical service for purposes of the required  
2 statewide implementation plan or use of federal funds.

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6 And the title is amended as follows:

7 On page 2, lines 9 through 11, delete those lines

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and insert:

10 amending s. 414.20, F.S.; clarifying transportation options  
11 available to local WAGES coalitions to assist WAGES  
12 participants; amending s. 414.105, F.S.; providing

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