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Representative(s) Russell offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 192 and 193, insert:

Section 2. Subsection (28) is added to section 427.013, Florida Statutes, to read:

427.013 The Commission for the Transportation
Disadvantaged; purpose and responsibilities.--The purpose of the commission is to accomplish the coordination of transportation services provided to the transportation disadvantaged. The goal of this coordination shall be to assure the cost-effective provision of transportation by qualified community transportation coordinators or transportation operators for the transportation disadvantaged without any bias or presumption in favor of multioperator systems or not-for-profit transportation operators over single operator systems or for-profit

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transportation operators. In carrying out this purpose, the commission shall:

(28) In consultation with the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Transportation, develop an allocation methodology that equitably distributes all transportation funds under the control of the commission to compensate counties, community transportation coordinators, and other entities providing transportation disadvantaged services. The methodology shall separately account for Medicaid beneficiaries. The methodology shall consider such factors as the actual costs of each transportation disadvantaged trip based on prior-year information, efficiencies that a provider might adopt to reduce costs, results of the rate and cost comparisons conducted under subsections (24) and (25), as well as cost efficiencies of trips when compared to the local cost of transporting the general public. This subsection does not supersede the authority of the Agency for Health Care Administration to distribute Medicaid funds.

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Between lines 19 and 20, insert:

amending s. 427.013, F.S.; requiring the commission to develop a transportation fund allocation methodology for certain purposes; specifying methodology criteria; preserving Agency for Health Care Administration authority to distribute Medicaid funds;

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